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School Board Unanimous...

Modzelewski Tabbed As Football Coach

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Joseph Modzelewski, a 16-year physical education instructor at Agawam High, was named the seventh head football coach in the school's long football history by the Agawam School Committee on Tuesday, February 12th.

He will replace two-year coach Carl Supino, who compiled a record of 3-17. Supino failed to reapply for the position by the February 1st deadline (See Related Story In Sports Section).

Staying With His Roots

"I am really looking forward and excited about being the head coach of Agawam football," Modzelewski said Wednesday morning. "I've always wanted to be a head football coach and assuming the Agawam job is staying with my roots. It's something I've always wanted to do."

Modzelewski was one of four applicants screened by a four-man selection committee appointed by Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno. The committee included, John Morrissey, AHS principal; Clifford Kibbe, AHS athletic director; Thomas O'Keefe, junior high principal; and Donald Charest, assistant superintendent of schools.

The selection committee presented their recommendation to the School Committee who approved it by unanimous vote.

Modzelewski will be tabbed to rebuild a program that has sagged considerably since 1981. Over a three-year span, the Brownies have won only three times in 31 outings.

SEE MODZELEWSKI - Page 4...



NEW AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH - Joseph Modzelewski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

F. H. Nutcracker?



IN ORDER TO DRAW MORE attention to their new furniture business on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Collins Home Furnishings had this "nutcracker" in front of their store on Saturday, February 9th. The nutcracker encouraged passers-by to stop and come into the store's newly redecorated showrooms. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lioness Continue Video Drive

Members of the Agawam Lioness Club are continuing to collect and solicit funds to pay for the video taping equipment earmarked for the Agawam Police Department.

This equipment will be used during the arrest of drunk drivers. The tapes will then be turned over to the court in case the accused decides to contest the charges. The police also plan to utilize the equipment in other capacities as well.

For more information, contact Ann Favreau, Lioness Club president.

7.5 Percent Hike...

School Comm. Unveils Budget Of \$9.3 Million

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

School administration officials unveiled a proposed \$9.3 million budget to both the School Committee and to members of Town Council's school budget subcommittee on Tuesday, February 12th. This reflects a 7.5 percent jump from last year's budget and school officials were firm in their intent to retain some \$835,815 in state funds, coming to the town.

Associate Superintendent of Schools, Donald Charest said of the state funds, "The money is ours (School Department's). It's for education. I would be very surprised if the council should make any other recommendations for this money."

Expressed Concern

These funds Charest is referring to are \$535,280 in Chapter 70 funds, and an anticipated \$300,535 in an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant (EEOG). School Department and School Committee members were concerned that while the funds are intended for education, according to the state, the funds are not legally bound for education.

Charest, nevertheless, maintained that the funds be used for education. If this happened, according to Charest, it would allow the School Committee "in essence" to return \$181,478 to the town by meeting its budget increase (with the increased state aid) and consuming \$181,478 less this year in locally raised tax dollars.

Charest said he was 95 percent certain the town would receive the \$300,535 EEOG in order to meet Governor Michael Dukakis' objective of bringing all communities in the Commonwealth up to 85 percent of the average expenditure per pupil.

In a study conducted by Charest during last year's budget process, (just prior to Town Council cutting \$240,000 in the school budget), Charest found Agawam schools were operating 24 percent below the state average in per pupil expenses.

Both School Business Manager James Coon and Charest explains at that time it was natural for a town of Western Massachusetts to have a lower per pupil expenditure than schools in the Eastern Mass.

However, the two administrators said their study revealed that Agawam's per pupil expenditure lagged far behind those of its neighboring municipalities.

The school budget last year became embroiled in political differences as, for the first time, the School Committee was forced by the council to slash its budget. While the committee still votes approval of the school administration's line item budget, the town manager must recommend a bottom line budget amount to the council.

The council must then approve the manager's recommended school expenditure. As a result, the school budget can be cut by the manager or the council.

Charest and Coon cited last year's \$240,000 being largely responsible for the school's deficit.

Gallano Appears Before Attorney For Deposition

At presstime, special Town Council Attorney Peter Brady of Holyoke confirmed that Councilor At-Large Andrew C. Gallano, had appeared to answer a subpoena to give a deposition Wednesday, February 13th, in a lawsuit against the council.

Brady would not issue any statements about the deposition.

Goes Back To 1984

The lawsuit involves the alleged violation of the state's open meeting law by councilors when they originally fired former Town Manager Edward A. Caba last February 1984.

Fourteen citizens, including Caba, filed the suit, which included several other charges. To date, all of the charges have been dropped except for the violation of the state's open meeting law.

This case is scheduled to be heard in Hampden County Superior Court on Thursday, February 21st.

Last week, Gallano had refused to appear before Brady and instead sent a letter in his place which he charged Brady "with an attempt to discredit me."

In the letter, Gallano raised questions about the "attorney-client privilege" and said he would not appear for the scheduled deposition until his questions were answered.

"I find it hard to understand how you can represent me and protect my interests and at the same time, represent and protect the interests of the other members of the council who may have violated the open meeting law," Gallano wrote to Brady.

In a published report Wednesday morning, Gallano was still undecided about appearing before Brady. Brady sent a letter to Gallano answering his questions and continued the subpoena date until Wednesday.

Brady would not make public the contents of the letter he sent Gallano, stating that Gallano, not him "wanted to try the matter in the press."

Brady decided to call Gallano in to be deposed after deposing 12 of the 14 citizens in December about the law suit against the council. Brady revealed last month that none of the 12 citizens interviewed "had any direct knowledge of an open meeting law violation."

Brady also said it appears that many of the citizens "had contact with Gallano in terms of the suit" prior to its being filed.

May Have Been The Spark

Brady said Gallano may have been the spark behind the suit.

In a public statement made in the *Advertiser News*, one of the citizens, Jack LoMonaco of Shoemaker Lane, stated, "It goes without saying none of us were privy to any plans or actions in this matter these eight [members of the council who allegedly violated the open meeting law] had. They undoubtedly made certain of that. So, what other response could be given to these particular questions asked by attorney Brady than no as the answer."

"But, years of observing many of these people (the councilors) makes a big question mark as to what really happened. The fact that some of the other seven councilors knew nothing about a vote coming up to fire Caba until it actually happened stills needs explaining," LoMonaco said.

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault has subsequently introduced an amendment to the town charter that would call for removal from office any councilor involved in "initiating, coordinating, or spearheading a frivolous lawsuit against the town or Town Council."

The proposal to change the charter in this manner is directly related to the alleged involvement of Gallano in the citizens' lawsuit, according to Rheault.

The proposal is now before the special Town Council charter committee. This committee is charged with reviewing possible amendments to the charter. These amendments could appear before the voters for passage in November.

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IN PHOTO ABOVE, Aprille Soderman and Bob Guidetti, members of the Democratic Town Committee, gathered with other Agawam Democrats on Saturday, February 9th, to select state delegates to the "Issues Convention" at the Springfield Civic Center in May. Six women and six men were chosen. IN PHOTO BELOW, members of the Agawam Republican Town Committee held a breakfast at Da Vinci's Restaurant. Here, chairman Andrew Campbell (left) greets guest speaker, State Representative Stephen Pierce of Westfield. *Advertiser News photos by Jack*



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MODZELEWSKI - From Page 1...

He joins his older brother, Suffield Street resident Edward Modzelewski, as a schoolboy varsity football coach. "Ed" is the head coach at East Longmeadow High School as well as its athletic director.

Modzelewski is no stranger to football in Agawam and in the area. He has been actively involved as a player and coach for almost 30 years.

A former AHS varsity player from 1957-1959, he excelled at the halfback and cornerback positions as a Brownie. He was a member of the 8-0 1957 AA Conference championship team, under the direction of former coach Harry Leonardi, who Modzelewski holds in high regard.

His extensive coaching career includes eight years as assistant varsity coach for Brownie football under Kibbe. Kibbe assumed the coaching duties when Leonardi left following the 1966 season.

He also served as head coach of the school's varsity track team in the 1970's and was an important cog to bringing the Brownies to several Valley Wheel titles and a Western Mass. Division II championship in 1979 and a runners-up spot in 1974.

Modzelewski is the first varsity football coach since Kibbe (1974) that is also employed full-time at the high school. He told us this will help the program. "I think being at the school all the time will allow me to be with the kids throughout the day. This closeness also helps in terms of getting as many kids as possible out for the team," added.

Served Under Murphy At WSC

Modzelewski has served under fellow Agawam High physical education teacher Howard Murphy in building the Westfield State College football program for the past two years. Murphy was also an assistant under Kibbe with Modzelewski.

He told us, "I've only seen a few Agawam games over the past two seasons. I can only promise I will do my best to get the program going again. I'm really not sure what the team has coming back. I will begin working on these things right away."

He resides on Grant Avenue in Agawam with his wife, Donna, and two children, Karen and Joseph.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 21, 1985, at 7:00 P.M., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, the purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of Ralph DePalma and Joseph A. Pacella, for a modification to a subdivision plan located on Autumn Street, being further described and bounded as follows:

NORTH 51°36'25" East, a distance of six hundred sixteen and 56/100 (616.56) feet to a point being the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Wallace and Maude Huntington and running thence;

SOUTH 51°31'40" East, a distance of six hundred seventy-two and 85/100 (672.85) feet to a point located on the southwesterly boundary of land now or formerly of Carl and Helen Knowlton and thence;

SOUTH 51°32'48" West, a distance of seven hundred three and 79/100 (703.79) feet to a point and thence;

SOUTH 6°43'48" West, a distance of two hundred ninety-seven and 32/100 (297.32) feet to a point on the northerly boundary of land now or formerly of Stuart Amusement Company and thence;

NORTH 70°30'15" West, a distance of six hundred seventeen and 86/100 (617.86) feet to a point at the intersection of land now or formerly of Leo Squazza and Catherine A., Mary F., Anna E., Alice R., and Walter J. Holland, and thence;

NORTH 20°53'41" East, a distance of two hundred sixty-two and 08/100 (262.08) feet to a point and thence;

NORTH 72°58'15" West, a distance of sixty and 14/100 (60.14) feet to a point being the southern most corner of land now or formerly of Robert M. and Ellen Keith and thence;

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NORTH 76°47'47" West along the northerly boundary of land of said Keith a distance of one hundred fifty-eight and 85/100 (158.85) feet to a point and thence;

NORTH 19°23'23" East, a distance of two hundred four and 12/100 (204.12) feet along the easterly boundary of land now or formerly of Anna W. Roberts to a point and thence;

NORTH 65°50'17" West, a distance of sixty-nine and 31/100 (69.31) feet along the northerly boundary of land of said Roberts to the point of beginning.

By Order of the Agawam Planning Board
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM
Board Of Appeals**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building Annex, Agawam, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1985 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of JOHN E. SLIECH AUTO BODY, INC., who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 45 (d) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the temporary storage of damaged automobiles on the premises known as rear of 276 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman
Published: February 14th, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 4, 1985 at the Agawam Public Library at 8:00 p.m. to all parties interested in the request of Clarence Halloway to erect a standing sign located at Grange Bldg., 47 North West St., Feeding Hills, MA as required by Town Ordinance Section 20-78(C).

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council
Published: February 14th, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE**AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 14, 1985, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street. This hearing, pursuant of the General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act upon the petition of "Medical West Community Health Plan, Inc., to perform work subject to the act on Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Published: February 14th, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE

"The Agawam Housing Authority is selling a 16 HP Ariens tractor with electric starter, Model No. 831004 54" snow dozer blade, Model No. 831012 48" rotary mower and Model No. 831010 two-stage snow thrower attachment. Can be seen at office at Meadowbrook Manor. Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19th.

Frank Chriscola, Jr.
Chairman

Published: February 14th, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM
Board Of Appeals**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1985 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of the following persons who are seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 36 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the retention of existing single family residences with less than the required setbacks: GLENN M. & JOAN L. SMITH, 32 NICOLE TER; ALFREDO M. & YOLANDA R. SETTEMBRE, 40 NICOLE TER; HAROLD R. & LORI A. RATCHFORD, 68 NICOLE TER; GARY T. & KATHLEEN A. JALBERT, 78 NICOLE TER. and MICHAEL W. CURTIS, 16 TINA LANE.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE**SCHOOL BUDGET - From Page 1...**

Text book expenditures are recommended to increase from fiscal year 1985 (\$81,000) to \$122,000 in fiscal year 1986, and library books from \$10,000 to \$19,000.

Text Books Outdated

School officials have noted present text books are outdated and in some instances, must be shared by pupils from one class period to the next.

The administration's fiscal year 1986 budget also calls for the new expenditures of \$18,600 for transportation of high school athletic teams and \$4,150 for the transportation of the high school band.

Salaries, which consume the lion's share of the school budget, will cost nearly \$7.5 million, with the average base pay per teaching reaching \$23,765.

Though supporting back-up information is not yet available, according to Coon, the schools plan to significantly increase the "acquisition and replacement" of equipment accounts from a combined total of \$31,352 expended last year to \$154,970, requested this year.

The School Committee will meet again with Town Council subcommittee members Daniel Lacienski (chairman), Jack Shaughnessy, Dorothy Nelson, Philip DeForge, and Neil Blatt, on Tuesday, February 26th, for further review of school budget items.

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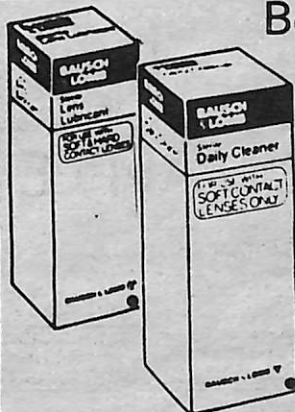
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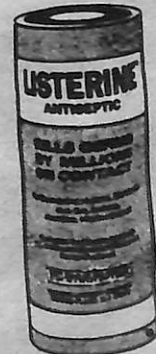
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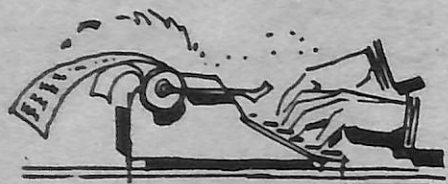
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Editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dukakis Commends Agawam Lioness

To The Editor:

Michael S. Dukakis, governor of Massachusetts, has commended the Agawam Lioness on their "Project Video." In a letter to club president Ann Favreau, he stated:

"I would like to commend the initiative taken by the Agawam Lioness Club to act in a positive manner to deter drunk driving. I not only endorse your endeavor, but also encourage local businesses and organizations to support your fundraising efforts for videotaping equipment for Agawam's Police Department. This community action project is noteworthy, to say the least, and I would encourage other communities to follow your leadership role.

Videotape in drunk driving cases is now used extensively and with great success in other states and in a few police departments in Massachusetts. The equipment is relatively inexpensive and easy to use.

The procedures involved and the use of the tapes as trial evidence have withstood all legal challenge to date and have been commented on favorably by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (though no direct ruling has yet been made).

Most importantly, videotape provides a clear, factual record of direct evidence on the central issue in drunk driving cases - the physical condition of the defendant at the time of the alleged offense.

It is this last feature that is most important. Videotape evidence does not depend on the memory of prosecution witnesses or involve complex scientific issues. It is for this reason that the use of videotape results in a dramatic rise in the number of cases concluded by plea of guilty.

For the past year the Topsfield Police Department has videotaped all "OUI" arrests; 56 out of 57 pleaded guilty. This increase in pleas has the three-fold benefit of:

Confronting the defendant with direct evidence of his or her problem so as to foster recognition of the need for change, as opposed to continued denial;

Reducing the time to disposition in those cases where the defendant, but for clear videotape evidence, would contest the matter at protracted trials; and

Providing impressive cost-savings and public safety benefits in the form of significant reductions of police time spent in court rather than on police duties.

Community initiated projects, such as yours, are instrumental in making our highway safer. Keep up the good work.;

Sincerely,
Governor Michael Dukakis

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Agawam Lioness are still accepting personal and business contributions. Checks may be made out to Agawam Lioness Project Video, P.O. Box 911, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

AHS Band - Colorguard Praised

To The Editor:

Dear Band and Colorguard Members,
We would like to commend the band and colorguard members who participated in the 20 hour Bandathon for a job well done.

At a time when there is so much negativism concerning young people, you proved this to be incorrect. You conducted yourselves in a manner you can be proud of and showed tremendous spirit and enthusiasm.

Despite swollen lips and tired bodies, you not only played to the end, but also stayed to help clean up. You can stand with "feet together, shoulders high, chins-up, and WITH PRIDE.

Congratulations to a tremendous group of young people from "All of the Agawam High Band Parents."
Barbara A. Connery

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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The Agawam School Committee will receive bids on Athletic Equipment until 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 22, 1985. Specification sheets may be obtained in the Business Office, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any informalities in the bidding and will be the final judge of equality.

AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Published: February 14th, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE



IN THE HOUSE

By Michael P. Walsh
State Rep. (D. Agawam)

Last month history was made in the Massachusetts House when, for the first time, a sitting speaker, Thomas McGree, was voted out of that position. McGee was replaced by George Keverian of Everett.

Considering these extraordinary circumstances, I would like to share with you some reasons why I supported George Keverian and why this change in the House leadership is important for all of us.

In Awe Of Veteran Leaders

Upon first taking office two years ago, I was, as any freshman legislator, in awe of the established, well-known veteran legislators, especially those in the leadership. McGee was not easily at our disposal; especially freshmen legislators.

In hindsight this was not so much a result of arrogance; it was just that McGee's reputation had developed over the years as being an "intimidator."

Moreover, he was heavily shielded by his inner circle, who for the most part, were arrogant and cared very little about rank and file legislators. After all, they had the votes.

A notable exception was McGee's Majority Leader, George Keverian. After spending some time with him when he presided over the House in McGee's place, I was impressed by Keverian's talents.

After, he would take the time to talk to me, which was rather flattering and over a period of time we became friendly. From personal experience I can say Keverian took time to listen and was willing to help individual legislators. Many of McGee's other lieutenants, however, could not be bothered; ultimately this was a contributing factor to McGee's ouster.

In assessing the leadership's abilities, personality is such an important consideration. McGee was not a saint; but he was certainly not a bad man either. He was a victim of a poor public image and more importantly, time. McGee is actually a compassionate man. I know of no instance when he ignored a truly needy individual.

But, he reveled in characterizing himself as a tough, no-nonsense ex-Marine, who ran the House with little regard for rules. Perhaps, there was a time early in his speakership when legislators were less independent by nature. Recently more legislators were being elected who demanded a more open process and greater individual input.

McGee never really sensed this subtle, yet growing change, nor did he adapt to it until it was too late.

Instead, he pushed at the beckoning of his close followers shameful, special interest legislation (until the public was outraged). Consequently, so were a growing number of legislators, including Keverian.

Moreno Supporter Doesn't Like Comparison To Gallano

To The Editor:

I would like to applaud this newspaper for your recent editorial, "Councilor Gallano: Portrait of Rhetoric and Inconsistencies."

I do, however, find it hard to understand why this newspaper, being in complete agreement with an issue Mr. Valentine R. Moreno has been an advocate of for years, would accuse him of being deceitful.

The words rhetoric and inconsistencies used by this newspaper in its description of Councilor Gallano, seems very familiar to those used by Mr. Moreno in a

After having served as speaker for longer than anyone in history, McGee had given Keverian his word that he would leave sometime in 1983-84 and allow George to take over. However, McGee changed his mind and Keverian was angered because he had waited patiently for his turn. Keverian was also alarmed by the way the House was being run. He decided to become a candidate for speaker in 1985.

Keverian's Talents Are Considerable

Keverian's talents are considerable. He is a compromiser. He possesses a great talent of bringing people together in agreement. His strong points are his intelligence and wit.

As majority leader, he utilized these skills to great effect. When he presided over the House, it ran smoothly in sharp contrast to McGee, whose leadership was inconsistent at many times.

Speaker of the House is one of the three most powerful positions in state government. As the leader of three co-equal branches (along with the governor and State Senate), the Speaker has enormous influence over crucial legislation.

Being speaker requires that he be personally available to legislators, citizens, and the media, in order to maintain confidence in himself and the legislative process. The actions of the speaker reflect upon the entire Legislature and each individual legislator.

McGee never realized that and as time went on, his style of politics became hard to justify for those who supported him and intolerable for those who did not.

We in the House like to feel that because of our smaller constituencies, we are more sensitive to public sentiment. Over the past 14 months many other House members heeded the messages from their electorates which insisted that a change be made in how the Legislature runs itself.

For example, when I indicated my support for Keverian publicly last year, the response from many of my constituents was tremendously positive.

Keverian, at the beginning of his quest for the speakership, stated that the legislative process had to "open up" and suggested proposals designed to achieve that end. Once he was elected speaker in January, he fulfilled his promises by proposing these suggestions in a rules package. This allows for greater participation and accountability; exactly what most legislators and the public demanded.

Interpretation Of Rules Change Important

But, for real change to occur in the House, it is as important that the rules change as it is how those rules are interpreted by the speaker. McGee had a reputation, sometimes undeserved, of abuse and neglect of the rules.

As majority leader, Keverian exhibited a great knowledge and respect for the House Rules. I believe Speaker Keverian, with his considerable talents, will be fair and preside over a much more productive, consistent, and democratic process in the House.

I, like many of my colleagues, look forward to participating in the process and hope to restore the public's faith in its Legislature. George Keverian has the ability to lead the House toward that goal.

newspaper he personally went to great expense to put out before the public just prior to the last town election.

Had this newspaper, *The Agawam Advertiser News*, stood on the same common ground with Mr. Valentine R. Moreno, and shared his "genuine concern about the well being of town government in Agawam," prior to the last town election, we may very well not be sitting in a "melting pot of discontent" at this present time!

One of Wally's many friends,
Gregory J. Gomes

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1985 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of RONALD CHARLES OUIMETTE who is seeking relief

LEGAL NOTICE

from Section 20, Paragraph 41 and Section 20, Paragraph 28 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the alteration of the existing third floor to a third floor housekeeping unit in the residence located at 31 MAPLE STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Prugulske
Published: February 14th, 1985

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SUSAN M. HASKINS & ALAN J. HORTON

Susan M. Haskins Engaged To Mr. Horton Of Chicopee

Miss Susan M. Haskins and Mr. Alan J. Horton have announced their engagement and upcoming June 1st wedding.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haskins of 86 Royal Street, Agawam. Mr. Horton is the son of Mrs. Mary Horton of 46 Applewood Drive, Chicopee.

Miss Haskins is a graduate of Agawam High School and St. John's School of Business. She is employed by Zee Medical Service in West Springfield.

Mr. Horton is a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School and is presently attending Springfield Technical Community College. He is employed by Chuck's Auto Service in Chicopee.

St. Anthony's Smorgasbord Set For February 16th

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church will hold its Fourth Annual Pre-Lenten smorgasbord and dance on Saturday, February 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall, 108 Bridge Street, North Agawam.

Tickets are \$6.50 per person and reservations for tables of 8 or 10 can be made by calling chairmen Robert Ritchie, 789-2813; Lou Scherpa, 786-0203; Frank Gatti, 786-3688; or the rectory, 786-3724.

Steve Sortori and his Melodiers will provide music for dancing until midnight.

Persons attending are to bring their own bottles. Set-ups and ice will be available.

Proceeds will benefit the church's maintenance fund.

Reunion Committee Meets



THE REUNION COMMITTEE of Agawam High School's Class of 1940 met at the home of Eleanor (Burke) Reynolds to plan its 45th reunion, scheduled for May 18th at Old Betty's Towne House. The committee is in need of the address of Janet Wheeler. If anyone can help, please contact any committee member. Reunion committee members in photo are, from left - Norma (Swanson) Neilson, Lillian Levesque, Eleanor Reynolds, and Neal Raison. Missing are Renzo Balboni and Roger Dalgleish. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Unico Prepares For 23rd Annual Macaroni Supper

Agawam Unico will have its 23rd Annual Macaroni and Meatball Supper on Sunday, March 3rd, at the Agawam High School, Cooper Street, with continuous servings from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are reasonably priced; adults \$3.50 and children \$2 (under 12 years-old).

Tickets may be purchased from Unico members, or from Gino's Package Store, Mutti's Service Station, The Court House Racquetball Club, Chriscola's Farm Equipment, Malone's Farm and Garden, and also at the door. Walk-ins are welcomed.

Honorary chairman, Unico president Bruno Maule, has appointed supper chairmen Edward Borgatti, Frank Chriscola, and Charles Calabrese. Paul V. Ferrarini Sr., is handling publicity.

There are many posters in town in business places with information about the macaroni and meatball supper.

Take-out orders will be available and the club will furnish containers.

Proceeds will benefit Mental Health, Retarded Children, scholarships, special education, and many community charities.

Catholic Women's Club Schedules Annual Dinner

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its annual dinner and entertainment on Monday evening, February 18th, in St. John's Parish Center. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

A large crowd is expected for this affair. This is one of the most popular meetings since it features a well-catered dinner and entertainment put on by members, strictly for members.

Mrs. J. Rene Hamel and Mrs. Patrick Vassallo head the large committee in charge of dinner arrangements. Mrs. Richard Conway and Mrs. William Hayes are co-directing the musical review.

Because Of Washington's Birthday, Our Offices Are Closed On Monday, Feb. 18th

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, February 16th
Valentine's Day Dance
Junior Women's Club
Held At Polish American Club
8:00 to Midnight

Thursday, February 21st
Card Party
Rosary Altar Society
Sacred Heart Parish Center
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20th
Ash Wednesday Service
Agawam United Methodist Church
Mill Street
7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 1st -
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Capt. Leonard House Annual Fund Drive Now Underway

The Captain Charles Leonard House trustees are conducting the Annual Fund Drive during February and March to encourage individuals and civic organizations to become "Friends of the Leonard House."

This program provides money for improvements to the building and property which has served as "Agawam's Community House" since 1939.

The Board of Trustees is responsible and dedicated to the preservation of the Captain Charles Leonard House as an attractive meeting place for various clubs and organizations. All board members are non-paid Agawam residents who direct the entire amount that is donated to projects that benefit the Leonard House.

In the year 1805, Captain Charles Leonard erected the building as his residence and as an inn for stage coach travelers. The property changed hands a number of times prior to 1938 when Mrs. Minerva Davis became the owner.

Mrs. Davis was an active women's club member and a civic-minded resident with vision to recognize the need for a community house in Agawam. She took steps to restore the beautiful Georgian home, including an addition containing a pine paneled meeting room and caretakers living quarters.

Mrs. Davis placed the responsibility for management and maintenance of the Captain Charles Leonard House in the hands of a Board of Trustees during the fall of 1939, establishing the property as a community house for the Town of Agawam.

Over the past 45 years, thousands of individuals have entered the building, enjoying the facilities while attending meetings, dinners, card parties, weddings, showers, and many other social functions.

They have admired the distinctive appearance of the front entrance with its wide door, flanked on either side with glass panels and crowned with a fan window. Two graceful white columns frame the doorway and the attractive palladian window on the second floor level. Benjamin Asher, the famous colonial architect, is thought to have designed the Leonard House.

Visitors view the spacious hall directly inside the front door with its display of fine furniture beneath a carved archway. The north and south parlors contain original fireplaces, wainscoting, dados, chair rails, and recessed windows. Tours of the Leonard House can be arranged by calling Frank or Zelda Downey at 786-9421. The Downeys will also accept reservations for meetings and other social events.

The cost of maintaining the property is partially paid by those who use the facilities. Major improvements such as a new roof, insulation of exterior walls, exterior painting, and aluminum storm windows, are made possible by gifts from individuals and social clubs. Major needs targeted for 1985 are kitchen renovations and exterior painting.

All residents of Agawam are respectfully requested to become "Friends of the Captain Charles Leonard House" during February and March. The Board of Trustees will gratefully accept checks in any amount, made payable to: Captain Charles Leonard House and mailed to: 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. All contributions are tax deductible.



LORI JANE RICHARDSON

Lori Jane Richardson To Wed Mr. Ilnicki

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney S. Richardson of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lori Jane, to Daniel F. Ilnicki.

Miss Richardson is a graduate of Agawam High School and will graduate in May from Keene State College, with an associate of arts degree in substance abuse studies and a bachelor of science degree in occupational safety.

Mr. Ilnicki is the son of June and Donald Williams of Easthampton.

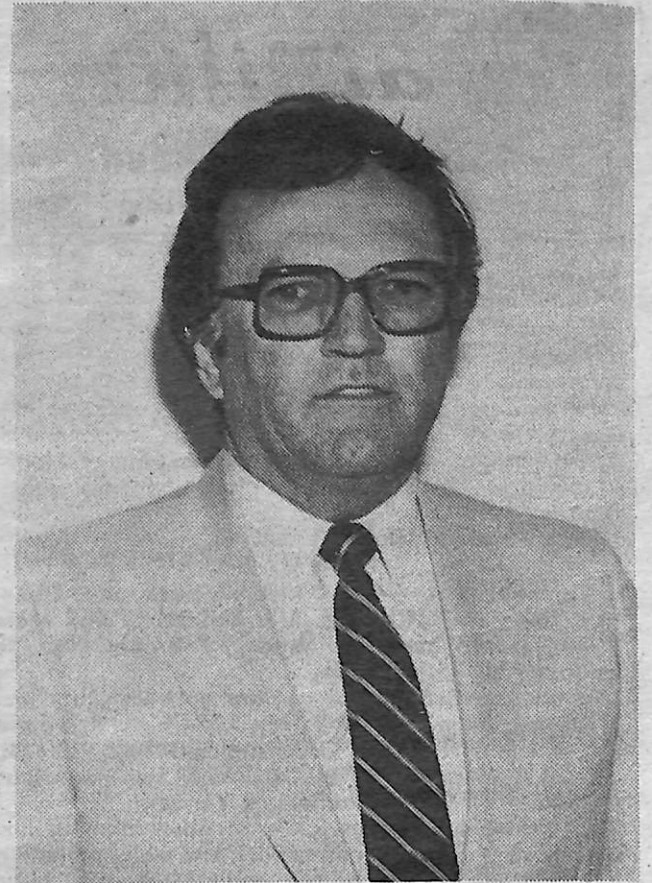
He is a graduate of Easthampton High School and will graduate in December from Keene State College, with a bachelor of science degree in occupational safety.

A February 1986 wedding is planned.

Marian Center Plans Women's Day of Relaxation

"A Day of Relaxation, Refreshment and Renewal for Women" will be held on Sunday, February 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at the Marian Center in Holyoke, with Sister Margaret Lynch, S.N.D., of the Center for Spiritual Direction, Springfield, as director.

The day will include talks, music, relaxation periods, prayer time, and dinner, and will close with the celebration of the Mass. Reservations are necessary. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. Contact the Marian Center at 413-533-7171.



DONALD M. RHEAULT

Rheault Receives Highest Dow Pharmaceuticals' Honor

Agawam Town Council president Donald M. Rheault has just received notification from the president of Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Dave Sharrock, that he has won the company's highest honor for outstanding sales achievement for 1984, "The President's Pin."

A 17-year employee of the Dow Chemical subsidiary, Rheault will be honored, along with his wife Joan, in early March. The award festivities are being held at the beautiful Ritz Carlton in Laguna Miguel, California.

The recipient of several company awards, Rheault stated, "The company's highest honor is a very special accomplishment for me. We can sure use a week of relaxation at the Ritz."

Rheault and his wife Joan reside on Mill Street and have three sons and two grandchildren.

Theosophical Society To Meet February 24th In Agawam

The Theosophical Society in Springfield will meet on Sunday, February 24th, at 2:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

The program will be on "Humanism" and will feature Charles Hartfield, a member of the American Humanist Association, and the American Ethical Society. He will give a talk on the history, beliefs and objectives of humanists.

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Valentine's Day Birthday

February 14th means a lot of things to many people, but for BOBBY MAGISTRI, it means that he is another year older.

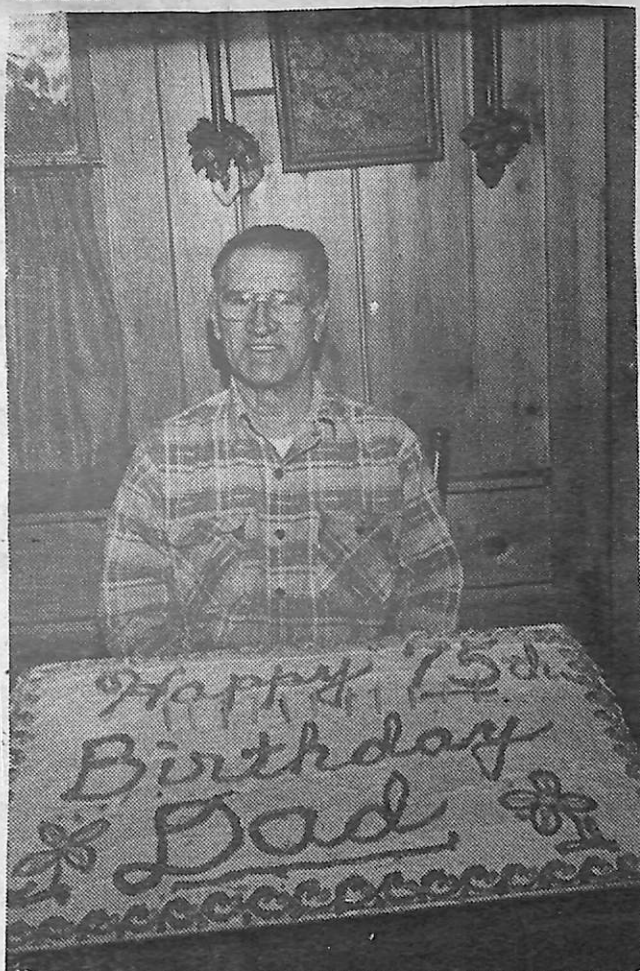
He was born on Valentine's Day nine years ago. He is a fifth grade student at Robinson Park School. He is the son of LINDA MAGISTRI of Walnut Street, North Agawam. A bowling party is planned for Saturday, February 16th.

Happy birthday, Bobby.

Taking time out from his frequent truck run to Dubuque, Iowa, RAYMOND L. MELANSON of 844 Main Street, stayed home on Sunday, February 10th, to celebrate his 75th birthday.

A combination open house and birthday party was given by his wife DORIS; son LESLIE of Agawam; daughters, DOLLY LAFLEUR and SHIRLEY PLYLER, also of Agawam; JANE BILODEAU of Springfield and CLAIRE MYRICK of Middlebury, Vermont.

Of course, his 11 grandchildren, other relatives and friends were also on hand to wish him well and take a bite from the goodies on the food table and the large birthday cake which had to accommodate all 75 candles.



RAYMOND L. MELANSON of 844 Main Street, Agawam, celebrated his 75th birthday on Sunday, February 10th. (See "More Friends & Neighbors").

MR. and MRS. PALMIERO T. NAPOLI of Agawam and MR. and MRS. ROY BURKE of Longmeadow are pleased to announce the birth of their grandchild, JENNIFER LEE BURKE, on Tuesday, January 29th.

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Special "thanks" to a very special lady who volunteers her time at local nursing homes. She is VERA CONWAY of Northwood Street, Feeding Hills.

This "thank you" comes from the residents of the Valley View Nursing Home in Westfield where she entertained them and their families at a Valentine's Day Party last Sunday, February 10th.

Birthday wishes to ERNIE BLAIR who will celebrate his birthday on Saturday, February 16th.

First-year student at the University of Massachusetts THAISA (TY) ALECHNY has made the Dean's List with a 3.57. She is in the School of Business Management which she will combine with Equine Studies.

She graduated from Agawam High School in 1984 and was the editor of the school's yearbook. She was also the captain of the 4-H Equestrian Drill Team.

She is the daughter of LEE and NANCY ALECHNY

of Thalia Drive, Feeding Hills, and the sister of 8th grader THAD and 5th grader KRISTIN.

Congratulations - Ty.

LESLIE and SHERRY (STANTON) BESSETTE of Buck Pond Road, Westfield, are the proud parents of their first child.

ASHLEY MERLE BESSETTE was born on January 29th. She weighed six pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 20½ inches long.

Grandparents for the fourth time are ALBERT (BUD-DY) and MABLE BESSETTE of Franklin Street Extension, Agawam.

Ashley is the first grandchild for noted TV-22 television personality HAL STANTON, and the late MRS. MERLE STANTON, of Anthony Street, Agawam.

AGAWAMITES OF FLORIDA.

The Fourth Annual "Agawam Day" will be held March 6th at "Fred Howard Park" in Tarpon Springs at Shelter 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 7, rain or shine.

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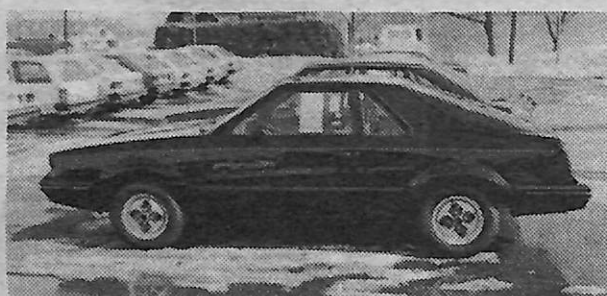
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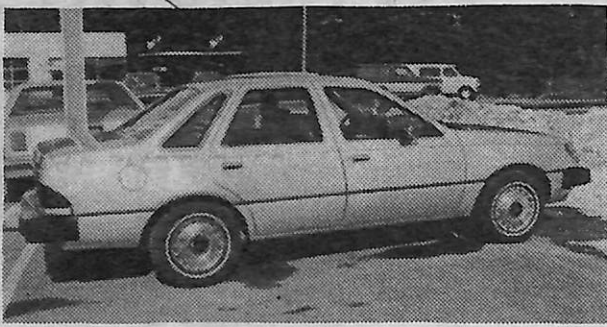
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Italian Women's Club Sponsors Fashion Show

On Sunday, March 3rd, the Italian Women's Club of Springfield will switch from its traditional ball and instead sponsor a "Spring Fashion Show," as the major fundraising event of the year.

Mrs. Anthony Langone is serving as chairwoman of the event. She reports the fashion show, which will be held at the Colosseum Banquet House, in West Springfield, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will include a brunch as well as feature spring attire from Cohoes.

As an added attraction, a raffle will be held and several prizes awarded. Mrs. Langone emphasizes that gentlemen are cordially invited to attend this fashion show and brunch.

The Italian Women's Club which originated in 1921, is an ethnic organization whose purpose is to promote charitable, educational and civic services in the community, state and country. Membership, currently at 125, is open to any woman who is at least 21 years of age and of Italian descent or married to a man of Italian heritage.

Mrs. Langone explains that fundraisers are held each year and all funds earned are designated for scholarships and other charitable disbursements of the club.

Anyone interested in attending the spring fashion show may contact Mrs. Joseph Stirlacci at 739-8298 for reservations. Ticket price for the event will be \$10.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet At St. John's

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam-West Springfield will hold its monthly all-night Vigil of the Most Blessed Sacrament in St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam, on Friday, March 1st, from 9:00 p.m. to Saturday, March 2nd, at 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Karl Huller, pastor, opens the event with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 p.m.

Members spend one hour of adoration throughout the nine hours of exposition, both in private and public prayer, with Benediction being given at 6:00 a.m.

Assisting with arrangements are Alfred L. Mutti, the society's secretary, and Richard Rieker, who serves as the society's chairman of St. John's membership.

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TO BENEFIT THE ADELPHI GROUP in the Agawam School System, members of the Agawam Lions Club recently presented school officials with a check for \$1,000. The Adelphi group is the anti-drug abuse task force comprised of Agawam educators, administrators, police department members, and parents, who will be attending another seminar at Adelphi College in Rhode Island. In photo above are, from left - Donald Charest, associate superintendent of schools; Thomas O'Keefe, junior high principal; Raymond Olsen, Lions Club president; James V. Bruno, superintendent of schools; Richard Bassett and James Loomis, both Lions Club members. Loomis is principal of Granger School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Ag. Catholic Women Have Long Tradition Of Community Service

by Dorine Kubik

Advertiser News Feature Writer

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam was organized in September 1938 and a handful of Agawam Catholic women met at the home of the late Mrs. Thomas Stapleton for a first meeting on October 26th, 1938.

Since that first meeting, the club has grown to 244 members.

Although all meetings are held at St. John the Evangelist Church's Parish Center, membership eligibility is for all Catholic women throughout Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Meetings and interesting programs are held the third Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. The club does not meet the entire year and limits meetings from September to May.

During an interview with Penny DeForge, publicity secretary and a past president of the Catholic Women's Club, she said that the original purpose of the club was to assist in the work of the new Mission church before St. John's was built.

Club Helped Acquire Land For Church

The club was founded six years before the church was constructed and the members were instrumental in acquiring the land where the church now stands.

According to Mrs. DeForge, back in 1942 enough money was raised to buy the land through card parties, food sales, and other similar projects.

Parishoners were canvassed, tons of paper was collected during paper drives and a fundraiser, called a "yard of pennies drive," was held.

Eventually, \$1500 was turned over to buy the land. Today, the object of the club is stated in the club's handbook, "To further Catholic activities in Agawam and to promote cooperation and sociability among its members."

Mrs. DeForge also said that the club song, written in 1940 by the late Miss Katherine Danahy, is still sung at all of the meetings. Miss Danahy was former principal at the former Danahy School in Agawam and was a charter member of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club. The words are inspirational and meaningful as they are sung to the tune, "Santa Lucia."

Three major fundraisers for the club were completed this past fall. "We had a peppy ways and means com-



OFFICERS OF THE AGAWAM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB: Back row, from left -Dorothy Frenette, secretary; Lillian Doyle, president; and Joan Malinoski. Front row - Lee Owens, first vice president; Barbara Gingras, assistant treasurer; and Angela Beaudry, first vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

mittee," Mrs. DeForge told us. A "Fashion Show" was held in October; an "Arts and Crafts Festival" in September; and a "Rummage Sale" also took place in the fall.

Social events include a bowling league that has been active since 1942 and their annual dinner meeting, which includes entertainment. The club held a "Harvest Swirl" at one time but does not any longer. "That was our one big social event of the year," the publicity secretary explained. Now their annual February dinner meeting is considered a big social by all club members.

It is a catered affair and club members make up the entertainment. Two of the ladies, "Mickey and Ann," are the masters of ceremonies and the hit of the show. Mrs. James O'Keefe, Sr., and Mrs. John Morin, play Mickey and Ann, respectively, and they also direct the show through various skits, chorus, and songs.

A lot of time and effort is put into this program as the ladies began rehearsing the first week of January.

The dinner and entertainment meeting is strictly for members only, but guests are always welcome at other meetings.

In March, Rabbi Jerome Gurland from Western New England College will be guest speaker and in April nutritionist Diane DiPiero will head the program. The club year concludes in May with their annual meeting.

Spiritual programs are also held during the year, such as a "Communion Supper" and "Recitation of the Rosary." Spiritual advisor and chaplain to the club is the Rev. Karl Huller, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Contributions

Through club history, the ladies have contributed to a wide variety of causes. For instance, in the past they have raised money for baskets for the needy, United Fund, sponsored "Little League Tag Day," and were instrumental in organizing the Golden Age Club.

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ROBIN E. VOGEL

Robin E. Vogel Engaged To Mr. Krok Of Springfield

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vogel, 119 North Street, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter Robin Elizabeth, to Greg Krok. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Casimir Krok, 80 Jean Drive, Springfield.

Robin is a 1982 graduate of Agawam High School. She is presently attending Bauder College, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Greg is a graduate of Technical High School, Springfield and C.P.I. (Computer Programming Institute), Hartford, Connecticut. He is employed as a computer programmer at Contini Insurance Company in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

An August 3rd, 1985 wedding is planned.

Riverside Park Announces 1985 Job Openings

Wouldn't you like a summer job filled with fun and excitement? Riverside Park is now accepting job applications to fill a variety of seasonal positions for the 1985 operating season.

Exciting positions, ranging from operating the famous "Cyclone" rollercoaster to learning how to make French croissants, are available for anyone 16 years or older, along with proof of identification. No experience is necessary.

Other available positions include games, merchandising, security, parking attendants, cashiers/admissions and groundskeeping. It is a great way to take advantage of meeting new acquaintances while working at New England's largest amusement park.

Riverside Park will open April 6th for weekends, until Memorial Day, at which time the park will begin operating full-time, until Labor Day.

Applications will be accepted at the Riverside Park Personnel office, Monday through Friday, between 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Sponsors Evenings Of Recollection

As part of its Renew Program, Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, will sponsor three "Evenings of Recollection for Couples" on February 19th, February 26th, and March 5th. These programs will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Father Placid Kaczorek, O.F.M., of St. Hyacinth College-Seminary in Granby, will conduct these Evenings of Recollection. Fr. Kaczorek is a conventional Franciscan who obtained a license in Sacred Theology at the Franciscan Pontifical Faculty in Rome, Italy. Ordained in December, 1964, he has an extensive background in marriage encounter programs.

All couples are cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact the Sacred Heart Rectory at 786-8200.

Agawam Chamber Sponsors Govt. Breakfast Meeting

"Business/Local Government Relations" will be the topic of the Tuesday, February 26th, membership breakfast meeting of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, at 7:45 to 9:00 a.m., at the Court House Racquetball Club, Feeding Hills.

Donald Rheault, president of the Agawam Town Council, and Robert J. Schwarz, president of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, will be the featured speakers for the program.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB - From Page 11...

They have worked on the "Sale of the Blind," delivered plants for shut-ins, supported Agawam civic associations and donated gifts to Springfield Municipal Hospital. They have provided camperships at YMCA, supported "My Friend's House," and helped the high school band. They have catered dinners for the bloodmobile workers and donated to Clearinghouse and the "Safe Halloween" program in town.

Other organizations that have benefitted by the Catholic Women's Club include Span Center, Agawam High School Pop Concert, General Abrams Scholarship Fund, Bazaar for Children, Heritage-transported patients, and have raised money for countless other organizations.

They sponsor St. John's Bazaar and paid for the entire kitchen in the Parish Social Center.

They also award scholarships to Catholic students residing in Agawam and collected food for Open Pantry and provided Christmas gifts for Open Pantry including the last two years.

Future plans for the Catholic Women's Club include setting up a committee to evaluate the possibility of providing a scholarship for continuing education to a member of the club.

Officers

Officers for 1984-85 are President - Mrs. James Doyle; First Vice President - Mrs. William Beaudry; Second Vice President - Mrs. Paul Owens; Secretary - Mrs. Dorothy Frenette; Treasurer - Mrs. Philip Malinoski; Assistant Treasurer - Mrs. Richard Gingras (for the last 20 years); directors are Mrs. James Laudato, Mrs. Lawrence O'Connell, and Mrs. Albert J. Taupier.

The club is organized to include many members working on various committees creating a very active group.

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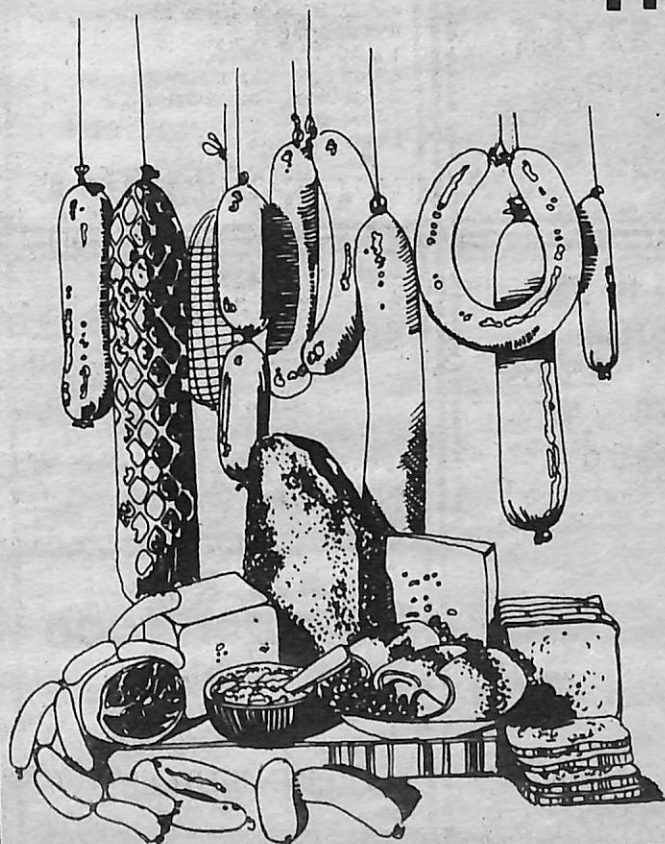
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Agawam Senior Center News, Activities

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18th - in observance of Washington's Birthday.

Lunch At Averof's With Entertainment

Another fun bus trip for seniors and friends is now history. This time the destination was Averof's, a Greek restaurant in Cambridge. A forced 11th hour switch in drivers caused us no problems once we got underway, for "curly-haired Cliff" proved himself a winner all the way! Our route took us by Harvard University with its venerable buildings and some beautiful ice sculptures, shortly before reaching Averof's.

The restaurant and its staff welcomed us and provided efficient and friendly service. A piece of Greek spinach pie was the appetizer, served with plenty of crusty bread. Next was a very crisp tossed salad with cubes of Feta cheese. Your reporter, Laura Dugan, chose lamb shish-kabob - delicious and tender, over the alternate choice of chicken on a skewer with a special sauce. Side orders of Greek treats included stuffed grape leaves which were shared and enjoyed.

During the meal, two musicians entertained with music and Greek songs. The stringed instrument was called an Oud; we missed the name of the small clay drum which was beaten with the hands.

The "piece-de-resistance" was "Theresa," a beautiful and shapely dancer who amazed and entertained us with her exhibition of perfect muscle control. (In other words, a truly professional belly dancer).

At the close of the exhibition, four members of our party were treated to a lesson in the art. We judged the winner to be our Life-of-the-Party-Bus-Driver, with activities director Sandra Smith a close second, tied with Lorraine and Mike. Lorraine, an accomplished vocalist, shared her talent with us



ENJOYING THE DELICIOUS MEAL at the Agawam Senior Center's Annual Valentine's Party are, from left - Hazel Ponusky, George Fontaine, and Gerry Clement. The party was held Sunday, February 10th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

during the bus ride. The members of the dancing class each received an Averof album.

It was a friendly, informal afternoon of food and entertainment, with audience participation. Lorraine sang for everyone and Alma Bassett already knew the steps of a traditional Greek folk dance, (a line dance), that Theresa got started and which included Cliff and several others.

The return trip was via Route 9 all the way from Boston to SPAGS, taking us by MIT, through Brookline, Wellesley and Wellesley Hills, a route not usually taken since the opening of the Massachusetts Turnpike. After a brief stop at SPAGS

we arrived home just as the first snowflakes started to fall.

We're Looking For A Piano Teacher: Is there one "out there" who might be interested in working with elderly persons who want to brush up their rusty talent - or even start at the beginning? There is a piano at the Agawam Senior Center that may be used. If this sounds a responsive note with you, please call the Senior Center at 786-0400, extension 242, and talk with Ginny Hennessey.

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GRETCHEN CAROL ANN LANG

Miss Lang Of Feeding Hills Engaged To Mr. Novotney

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Lang of 52 William Street, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gretchen Carol Ann Lang, to David B. Novotney of Pittsfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Novotney of 17 Overlook Drive, Feeding Hills.

The bride-elect graduated from Agawam High School, Holyoke Community College and Western New England College. She has a B.S.B.A., majoring in management, and is presently employed by Cole National, Inc., as manager of "The Original Cookie Company," at the Holyoke Mall.

Her fiancé graduated from Cathedral High School and Western New England College, receiving his B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by General Electric in Pittsfield as an electrical engineer in the Ordinance Systems Division.

He is also presently pursuing a master's degree in computer and systems engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

A December wedding is planned.

Food Mart Stores Distribute Lifesaver Identification Cards

Kenneth G. Abrahams, president of the Food Mart Division of Waldbaum, Inc., today announced that a program entitled "Lifesaver Identification Cards" began on Sunday, February 10th. On that day all Food Mart & Waldbaum stores located in New England began to distribute the Lifesaver Identification Cards free of charge.

Abrahams said, "There is an increasing effort among local and national law enforcement officials to alert parents to the need of insuring that children will be quickly identified if they become lost or require emergency treatment in the parents' absence. Waldbaum's Food Mart is distributing the 'Lifesaver Identification Cards,' free of charge, in an effort to help solve this problem.

Developed on the west coast, the cards are made of special material that makes them virtually indestructible. While they look like paper, they cannot be torn, and once written on in ink, the writing becomes permanent. The cards are tied through the shoelace into existing shoes and are worn between the lace and tongue of the shoe.

The cards, when completed, identifies the child; provides information as to the location of the parents through three (3) emergency telephone numbers; provides medical information to paramedics and doctors; identifies the family physician, and by doing so, allows a doctor to get medical records and to consult with someone who knows the child's history.

The card also provides parental consent to an emergency room physician to do what is necessary to ensure the immediate treatment of the child if parents cannot be reached. If parents do not desire to provide consent, filling out the rest of the card will still help in identifying the child.

Abrahams further stated that these cards are not another form of identification but are an important means of providing immediate identification in the absence of the parent.

All local police departments have been alerted concerning the existence of the "Lifesaver Identification Card Program" and how it works.

Abrahams went on to say, "Child safety is one of the most important issues facing all of us today. While the 'Lifesaver I.D. Card' is not a foolproof system of safeguarding children, use of the cards can be one additional action that parents can take to assist in the identification or rapid treatment of their children should the need arise. We hope that all of our customers or parents will take advantage of this important program."



FOOD AND THE GOOD CHEER were all about at the Sunday, February 10th, Valentine's Party at the Agawam Senior Center. Pictured from left - Edward Duquette, Ann Marie Matlasz of Ann's Catering, and Margaret McComb.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

SENIOR NEWS FROM PAGE 13... History Of The Computer

On Monday, March 18th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Senior Center, professor Peter Pollito will give a lecture about the history of the computer. Pollito is a professor of computer science at Springfield College. Join us for this fascinating discussion.

"Recognition '85"

The following people have responded to our sponsorship appeal for our Volunteer Recognition Program since our last report. Our sincere appreciation to: **Agawam Dental**

Associates, 532 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills; Mansfield Paper Company, West Springfield; Kittredge Equipment Company, Springfield; The Rollaway Inc., 1756 Main Street; and Ryan Drug, 713 Main Street.

Flower Show Trip - March 12th

We are working on the second bus for the trip to Boston Flower Show on Tuesday, March 12th. Lunch at Victoria Station is included, followed by a stop at Quincy Market in the afternoon. The price is \$26. Bus pick-up at Country View is at 8:00 a.m., and at the Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. Let's fill up that second bus - make your reservations right away.

Ash Wednesday Service At Ag. Methodist

The community-wide "Ash Wednesday Service" will be held at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 20th, at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. William Wildey will be the guest preacher. Rev. Wildey is a director of Church World Service in East Longmeadow. He will speak about Christian Service and what the church is and what it can do to aid the starving people of Ethiopia. The proceeds of the offering will go to aid the hungry people of Ethiopia.

The public is invited to this service. The Agawam United Methodist is located on Route 57 across from the high school. For more information, please call the

church office at 786-4174.

Sunday School Pageant

The Agawam United Methodist Church Sunday School will present "The Life and Times of Jesus," a pageant that follows the life of Jesus from infancy to adulthood.

It will be held on Sunday evening, February 24th. The evening's program will begin with a covered dish supper at 5:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend. The children of the Sunday School have worked hard and hope to see you there. For more information, please call the church office at 786-4174.

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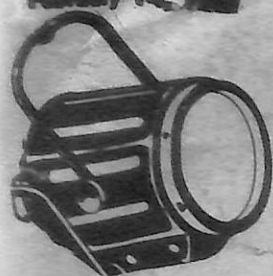
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Spotlight On Business

Collins Furnishings Opens New Showroom On Springfield Street

by Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Attractive, sturdy furniture and creative room accessories can be found at the new Collins Home Furnishings store in Feeding Hills.

The furniture showrooms are located in the former St. Anthony Hall building that was converted to a furniture store in recent years.

They are located on the corner of Homer and Springfield Streets, and on February 1st, new owner and operator John Collins of Springfield opened for business.

He renovated the interior, giving the rooms a new look. Collins was with Kavanagh Furniture in Springfield for almost 20 years, beginning as a truck driver's helper and eventually working his way up to vice president.

Owning his own store has been a career goal for Collins and he brings a world of fresh ideas and many years of experience to the Feeding Hills establishment. Working with Collins at the store is Angela Naylor. She is office manager and accessory buyer for Collins Home Furnishings.

Home Furnishings.

Local Artists Displayed In Showroom

Miss Naylor has already chosen several wall-hangings created by local artists for the showrooms. There are beautiful pastels under glass, stained glass mirrors, oils on slate, and an unusual style in decoupage with a 3-D effect. The store will also carry other accessory items, including vases, statues, trees, and lamps.

During an interview Collins said, "The store will have a nice, relaxed atmosphere. We want to treat our customers the way we would want to be treated as customers."

Collins pointed out the various styles in sofas, loveseats, and chairs while giving a tour of his store. He said that the quality has been up-graded and prices have been kept reasonable. "Customers can expect delivery on everything on the floor with the exception of three special frames within two weeks," he stated.

He offers what he calls a "quick-ship program" where customers do not have to wait eight to ten weeks. However, for those that are not in a hurry to have their furniture delivered, Collins offers a 90 day, free lay-a-way, with no interest or carrying charges.

Styles

The furniture store carries all the latest contemporary designs in furniture as well as the traditional styles. For condominium dwellers, shown here is the new rattan look. The various styles are arranged in room setting displays. "Colonial is always popular with New Englanders," he said, "and here customers will find the country colonial look."

A popular set on display is one that "is a take-off on the pub style that was popular five years ago," Collins pointed out. Furniture fabrics range from decorative, such as polished cottons, velvets, chintz, and matelasse, to sturdy nylons, herculons, and nylon/antron.

Many end tables, cocktail tables, and various desks are on display to match all of the various styles in furniture. One section is devoted to dinette and dining room sets.

Bedding

King coil conventional mattresses and wavecrest waterbed mattresses are on display in the downstairs showroom. Several waterbed frames are available. They are made by two separate companies and a variety of styles are offered.

The store is open seven days a week, Monday to Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. They open at noon on Sunday and close at 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to town, Collins Home Furnishings.

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COLLINS HOME FURNISHINGS on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, has recently remodeled the interior of the former St. Anthony Hall. Here, office manager Angela Naylor and employee Gerry Pelinsky take a breather during recent interior renovations. The store is now open for business and locals are welcome to stop and browse. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FAMILY NATURALIST

By Kay Kudlinski

A Fascinating February 14th

Valentine hearts, bedecked with ribbons, lace and flowers are very pretty. People who get them respond with polite smiles or faint "Oooohs" of pleasure.

Nobody would call a real, live heart "pretty," but I challenge you to read through these 14 true facts without coming up with some genuine wonder - and even a hearty "Gee Whiz!" or two.

1. Working at average speed, your heart pumps about 3 quarts of blood a minute. That's 108 gallons or 9 to 10 tons of blood-pumped a day, every day of your adult life. At top speed, your heart can pump 24 quarts a minute!

2. If the work your heart does in one day could be used to lift you off the ground, it would raise you twice as high as the Empire State Building in New York City.

3. You have 60 thousand miles of blood vessels in your body. Most of them are capillaries, too small to be seen without a microscope. They are so small, in fact, that red blood cells must line up in single file to pass through them.

4. You have about 6 quarts of blood weighing around 12 pounds in all. Giving blood is a quick, painless way to lose a pound, for a pint of blood weighs a pound.

5. Jellyfish have no hearts. Earthworms have five. Insect hearts have valves in them to keep all the blood moving in the same direction.

6. Smaller animals have faster heartbeats: A hummingbird's heart beats an average of 900 times a minute; a rat's, 548; a cat's, 130; a horse's, 40, and an elephant's, 35.

7. Smaller people's hearts beat faster, too. A newborn's pulse is 140, while an adult's is 70 to 80

beats per minute. Men average 70; women, 78.

8. The entire blood supply of a person is circulated in about 50 heartbeats, so all of the blood of an adult passes through his heart in less than a minute.

9. While your heart has beat continually since about 8 months before you were born, it does get some rest. This all-important muscle "cat-naps" in the space between beats, leaving it actually idle more than half the time.

10. The "Lub-Dub" heart sound is actually the sound of valves slamming shut to prevent backflow into the heart. Not romantic? It's better than the sound of a valve that doesn't seal firmly, allowing blood to "Murmur" back through.

11. The heart beats within a special sac, the pericardium. This double-walled bag is tough and fibrous outside for protection, and secretes a slimy fluid inside so the heart won't rub itself raw against its neighbors, the lungs.

12. Your heart is centered in your chest, tipping slightly to the left. It wasn't always that way: as a newborn your heart lay entirely flopped over on its left side. It straightened gradually as your chest grew.

13. Like other mammals, you have 4 chambers in your heart. So do birds and crocodiles. Other reptiles have 3 and fish have only 2. Insects have 1-chambered hearts and the lower animal's hearts are simply muscular tubes.

14. Heart disease is the Number One killer today. Avoid it by making moderation your byword in everything: working, play, exercising, and eating.

And for heaven's sake stop smoking - or at least stop smoking around me and around helpless youngsters who haven't any idea that nicotine is needlessly speeding up their heart rate and constricting the blood vessels that bring vital nutrients to their developing brains and bodies.



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Agawam Obituaries

Edward J. McCarthy

Agawam: Edward J. McCarthy, 88, of 204 North Street, Feeding Hills, retired 40-year oiler and engineer for Fleishman's Co., division of National Brand, died Tuesday, February 5th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Born in Derby, Connecticut, he lived most of his life in Peekskill, New York. He was a Navy veteran of World War I. His brother was the late Joseph R. McCarthy. He leaves a niece, Joan Robinson, with whom he lived. The funeral and burial were private at the convenience of the family. Heritage Funeral Home, West Suffield, Connecticut, was in charge.

Ruth Anderson

Agawam: Ruth (Manchester) Anderson, 81, of 70 Reed Street, retired town school teacher, died Sunday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit.

She taught at the elementary, junior high and senior high school levels for 25 years, and retired in 1973.

A native of Portland, Maine, and a graduate of Gorham (Maine) State Teachers College and Springfield College, Anderson lived in Agawam 50 years.

She was a member of Agawam Congregational Church, Agawam Women's Club, and the Massachusetts and National Retired Teachers Associations.

She leaves a son, Robert P. "Andy" Anderson of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Janice A. Burne of Melrose; a brother, Edwin Manchester of McLean, Virginia; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was Tuesday at Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Center Cemetery.

Joseph H. Liberge

Agawam: Joseph H. Liberge, 93, of 256 Maynard Street, Feeding Hills, retired 14-year mail sorter for the Boston & Albany Railroad, died Tuesday, February 5th, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. Born in Manchester, New Hampshire, he lived in West Springfield 42 years and Feeding Hills 15 years, and retired in 1956. He was a communicant of St. Louis Church, West Springfield. His wife the former Aldea Laberge, died in 1966. He leaves three daughters, Rita Greenwood of Concord, New Hampshire, Georgette Jean of Feeding Hills, and Constance Gagnon of East Longmeadow; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. The funeral was Friday morning at Colonial Funeral Home, Main Street, and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Natale V. Cirillo

Agawam: Natale V. Cirillo, 72, of 1118 Main Street, retired 18-year chemist for James River Corporation, South Hadley, died Saturday in Western Massachusetts Hospital, Westfield. He retired in 1980. Previously, he worked 20 years for the former United Manufacturing Co., Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam 60 years and was a member of Bethany Assembly of God. He leaves his wife, the former Dorcas Ann Pugh; a son, John J. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Catherine Meredith and Norma Jane Turcotte, both of Agawam; three sisters, Eva Farland, Frances Anderson, both of Agawam, and Eleanor Burns of Springfield; four brothers, John Baptist Cirillo of Clinton, Connecticut, Vincent and Carmen of Agawam; Arthur of Florida; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was Monday afternoon in Bethany Assembly of God with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge. Gifts may be made to the Bethany Assembly of God Memorial Fund, 580 Main Street.

Henry J. Maddaloni

Agawam: Henry J. Maddaloni, 80, of 98 Beekman Drive, retired 41-year clothing buyer for Albert Steiger Inc. department store, died Friday, February 8th, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. He retired in 1969.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Longmeadow several years and Agawam three years. He was a member of the executive club of Steigers, Ludlow Country Club, Elmcrest Country Club, East Longmeadow, and communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Springfield. He leaves his wife, the former Theresa Dansereau; two brothers, Louis of West Springfield and Joseph of Las Vegas; and sister, Elisa DePalo of Agawam. The funeral was Monday morning at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, South Hadley.

Hattie B. Burrows

Agawam: Hattie B. (Clark) Burrows, 83, of 238 Maple Street, died Friday, February 8th, in a local nursing home. Born in Ludlow, she lived in Springfield most of her life and Agawam five years. Her husband, Harland E. Burrows, died in 1973. She leaves three sons, Paul Clark of Enfield, Connecticut; Douglas Burrows of Valerico, Florida; and Harland Burrows Jr. of South Hadley; two daughters, Charlotte Richards of Feeding Hills and Anna Lefebvre of Westfield; three sisters, Mildred Ellis of Bennington, Vermont, Gladys Emery of Newbury, Vermont, and Marion Scigowski of Long Island, New York; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Tuesday afternoon at Colonial Funeral Home with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

F. H. Congo Church "Operation Friendship"



THE FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH held its annual supper to benefit "Operation Friendship," the summer program where foreign students visit various Operation Friendship chapters throughout the country, including at Feeding Hills Congo Church. Enjoying their supper at the Saturday, February 9th event, are Ryan Habiger, 2½, (left) and Stephen Gelgut, 3. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DOANE AVENUE RESIDENTS STUART & SHIRLEY KIBBE are all smiles after consuming a good meal at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church's "Operation Friendship" supper on Saturday, February 9th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nicholas Buoniconti

Longmeadow: Nicholas A. Buoniconti, 75, of 287 Frank Smith Road, died Thursday, February 7th, at home.

He was the father of Nicholas A. Buoniconti Jr., retired All-Pro middle linebacker, who played for the New England Patriots and then for the Miami Dolphins.

He was the owner of Mergolino Bakery on East Columbus Avenue. The family-operated bakery was founded in 1918 by Enrico Mergolino, Buoniconti's father-in-law. In 1942, Buoniconti took over the operation, running it until his retirement in 1974. It was then that his son Peter, the present owner, took charge.

Born in Agawam, Buoniconti had lived there 13 years before moving to Springfield, where he lived until moving to Longmeadow 17 years ago.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield.

He was a member of Ellington Ridge Country Club of Ellington, Connecticut, and Springfield Lodge of Elks.

He leaves his widow, Pasqualina M. (Mergolino) Buoniconti; three sons, Nicholas A. Jr. of Greenwich, Connecticut, Robert M. of Miami, Florida, and Peter F. of Feeding Hills; three sisters, Mary O'Connell of Bronx, New York, Rose Bavich of Agawam and Edith Moccio of Agawam; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was Monday morning at the Forastiere Funeral Home with a liturgy of Christian burial in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Billy Wise Scholarship Fund in care of Coach Billy Wise, Cathedral High School, 260 Surrey Road, Springfield 01118, or the Mount Carmel Church Endowment Fund in care of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 123 William Street, Springfield 01105.



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"The Dresser" Scores For Encore Players

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

One of the best films at last year's Academy Awards was an outstanding British picture titled *The Dresser*. Though it didn't win any of the several Oscars it was nominated for, the movie was acclaimed for first-rate direction by Peter Yates (*Krull*) and unforgettable performances by Albert Finney (*Annie*) and Tom Courtenay (*Doctor Zhivago*).

If you missed this excellent picture, then you're in luck because the local Encore Players are currently performing the drama on which the film was based.

And if you have seen the silver screen version of *The Dresser*, then see this Encore Players' production anyway because it will entertain you just as much as the movie did.

The two-act play, which ran last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, has two more performances scheduled for Friday, February 15th, and Saturday, February 16th. Both shows start at 8:00 p.m., at Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue (at White Street), Springfield.

Ronald Harwood's *The Dresser* is set in 1941 and takes place in a theater in England. The second World War is well under way in Europe, and able-bodied young men from all walks of life have been called to defend their respective countries.

Particularly Severe Effects On Theatre World

While the war is taking its toll on each man, woman, and child, it has particularly severe effects on the world of theater. Young male actors have been called to join in the battle against the Axis powers, thus leaving their onstage roles to not-overly-talented thespians who are too old and/or physically unable to be part of the military.

To an actor known as "Sir" (Suffield's Lyle Pearsons), this is just one of a few major problems. As the head of a traveling Shakespearean troupe, he has to contend with the shortage of young male actors, as well as worrying about Nazi fighters bombing the theaters where his company is to perform.

But the greatest dilemma which Sir has to face is his advancing age and gradual loss of energy. He has trouble remembering his lines, and each performance drains him more and more.

However, Sir is still able to go onstage each night because of Norman (Jim Boyle), his personal servant, or dresser, for the past 16 years. Always at his employee's side, Norman gives Sir the kind of moral support and psychological uplifting which has kept the aging actor from losing self-confidence in the talent that he has left.

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PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

Harrison Ford Is Excellent In New Movie *Witness*

In the *Star Wars* trilogy and the two Indiana Jones adventures, Harrison Ford turned dashing, comic bookish heroes into believable characters via a captivating and self-assured screen presence.

But in a new drama titled *Witness*, he proves that he can be just as convincing and impressive when portraying characters who aren't larger than life.

Ford's latest role is that of John Book, a Philadelphia narcotics detective who's been assigned to investigate the murder of a fellow officer. However, the case may prove to be difficult because Book's only witness is Samuel (Lukas Haas), an 8-year-old Amish farmboy who, along with his widowed mother, Rachel (Kelly McGillis), was en route to Baltimore to visit some relatives.

Anxious to prevent her son from learning about the ways and people of the big city, Rachel doesn't want Book to involve Samuel in his investigation. Yet, the detective knows that the boy is his only hope for solving the murder, and he manages to convince the young widow that Samuel's assistance is vital to the case.

With the boy's help, Book soon learns who's responsible for the police officer's death. But the culprit is determined to stop the detective, so he tries to gun him down.

Sanctuary From Murderer

Coming away from this life-or-death situation with a bullet wound in his side, Book takes Samuel and his mother back to their out-of-the-way farm, which should provide sanctuary from the still-uncaptured murderer. While recovering from his nearly fatal injury, the detective becomes part of the Amish community and eventually falls in love with Rachel.

Witness marks the American film debut of Peter Weir, a noted Australian director whose last picture,

The Year of Living Dangerously, drew much critical praise from many of this country's critics and boasted an Oscar-winning performance by one of its stars, Linda Hunt (Best Supporting Actress for 1983). However, I

have a feeling that Weir's latest work will be a hit with this nation's moviegoing public as well as the film reviewers.

In *Witness*, the plot involves two stories that are both fascinating and well-written. The beginning and ending deal with suspenseful police drama, and the rest of the picture gives us a tale of rural life that is just as realistic and earthy as any of the three farm films (*Places in the Heart*, *Country*, and *The River*) which have come out over the past several months.

Weir's direction, along with breathtaking photography and a hauntingly beautiful score, gives the scenes of Amish culture such a strong sense of poignant serenity, the movie makes us wish we could actually be with these people who live their lives as the American pioneers did.

And against this rural and old-fashioned setting, Weir provides a tender romance between two people from divergent and ever-separate worlds.

The best thing about *Witness*, however, is Ford's performance as John Book. Though this role is not dissimilar from that of the whip-brandishing archaeologist Indiana Jones or the gunslinging spacepilot Han Solo of the *Star Wars* universe, it does demand the input of more realistic and down-to-earth personality touches.

Fortunately, this actor fulfills this requirement, and on several levels as well.

To me, Ford is the 1980's answer to Gary Cooper. He's a tall man who has an average, everyday quality to his physical appearance and demeanor, and this characteristic makes him seem like the kind of guy who'd look right at home cooking at a backyard barbecue or taking a bunch of kids to a drive-in movie.

Besides having an all-American presence, Ford conveys a variety of traits which turn John Book into a character who's undeniably human. This detective has a quick temper, yet he can show compassion just as easily; has the ability to apologize without actually saying the words "I'm sorry"; and has a strong sense of humor which prevents him from taking himself too seriously.

Furthermore, the actor is able to make his character appeal to people of both sexes. Men will like Book because Ford gives a feeling of loyal perseverance to all of his actions.

And though he's 42-years-old in real life, his boyish looks and often boyish behavior exude a charm that endears him to women.

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How pre-arranging your funeral can spare those you love in a time of stress.



Frank Forastiere



Peter Forastiere

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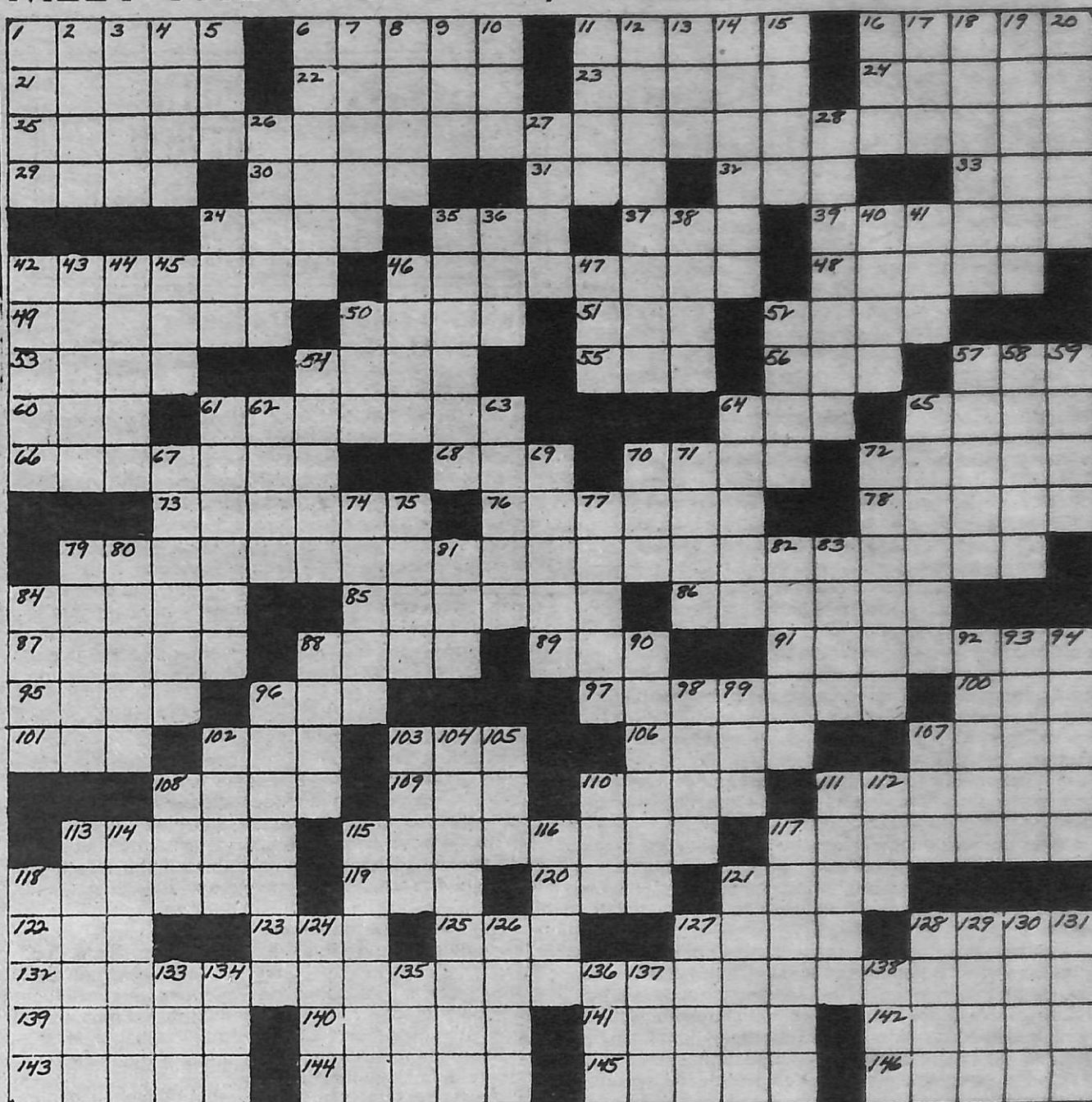
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56. Reagan
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65. Boundry Stone
66. Certain golden-ager
68. Viet —
70. Town: Dutch
72. Latin papa
73. Suet
76. List
78. Flag flower
79. Buddies four on TV sitcom
84. Minor prophet
85. "— — — beet"
86. Judge over
87. Accounts

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89. Printing measures
91. Forestalled
95. Kind of ranger?
96. Sister for short
97. Ticket seller of a sort
100. Spanish gold
101. Mine find
102. "— the bomb"
103. "— Miniver"
106. Sheltered side
107. "Smells —"
108. Islets
109. Dine
110. Biblical land
111. Lubricate
113. Snow or oxfords
115. Certain airport workers
117. Went at a comfortable pace
118. Fine wine
119. C. Clay
120. Newman movie
121. Leave in haste
122. New Guinea city
123. Yes in Ypres
125. Spanish cheer
127. Medicinal herb
128. Rootstock
132. Who are Madison and Unger?
139. Little sounds
140. Canon
141. Awaken
142. Type of coat
143. Norse sagas
144. American playwright
145. Wine containers
146. Ash, elm et al

DOWN

1. Peel
2. Russian lake
3. Vend
4. Evening bugle call
5. Fire remainder
6. Spire
7. "— — of Two Cities"
8. Gin and tonic fruit
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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



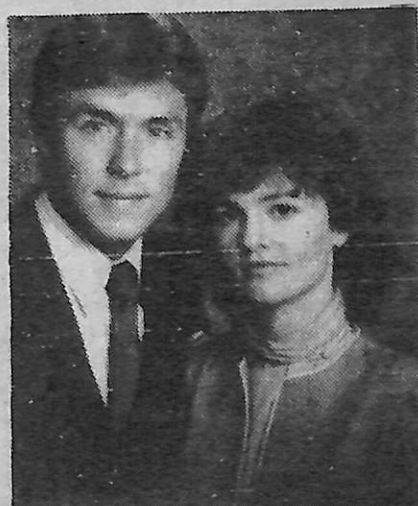
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34. Water wriggler
35. "— — the blank spots"
36. Chemical ending
38. Followers
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41. Nobel's invention
42. Before
43. General of the CSA
44. Avoid
45. — a vis
46. Former major league pitcher Ferris
47. Ms. Gardner
50. Prefix
52. — Scott affair
54. — — made man
57. Actress Davis
58. Staggering
59. Mister in Berlin

61. Bunyan's "— — progress"
62. Depend on
63. Woman's name
64. French WWI battle
65. Fresh guy
67. "— — upon a midnight ..."
69. Famous Mickey
70. Enclosure for swine
71. Rend
72. Pitter —
74. Braid
75. Garden pest
77. Dishonest schemes
79. Helicopter blade
80. Goodnight girl
81. After HST
82. Covering
83. Roof overhang
84. Hawaiian seaport
88. Containers

90. Ascended
92. Hartebeests
93. Expunge
94. Over indulged with love
96. Statement of disbelief
98. Mr. King
99. Moon vehicle
102. Fighter Max
103. Repast
104. Transistor
105. Musical "as written"
107. Three of five
108. Heart
110. Ostrichlike bird
111. Avarice
112. Regret
113. Protected from the sun
114. Paid attention to
115. Reproached
116. Syngman of Korea

117. Carbon copies
118. Slant
121. Olpe
124. "— — and including"
126. Opp. of rights.
127. WWII alliance
128. Ivan was one
129. Land measure
130. Garden tool
131. — et labora
133. Accountant
134. Prior to CIA
135. Compass heading
136. 100,000 rupees
137. Mr. Gershwin
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The Dresser is a fascinating story of the mutually parasitical relationship between two men. Since he fears the possibility of failure and the decline in his acting skills, Sir needs to feed off of Norman's encouragement and general enthusiasm for the world of theatre in order to be able to perform his craft before live audiences.

Meanwhile, Norman takes a lot of verbal abuse from Sir, but he endures it because he gains a sense of purpose by being the actor's servant. And while he never had the courage to become an actor himself, Norman is still able to experience the joy of theater by getting satisfaction from the fact that he is partly responsible for Sir's ultimately triumphant performances.

On another level, *The Dresser* is a rousing tribute to the world of theater and the work that is needed for it to come to life. In one portion of the play, Sir and his troupe are performing *King Lear*, and the aging actor tells his company that he wants loud-lightning and thunder for one particular scene.

To achieve this sound effect, one person has to shake a sheet of some kind of thin metal while another person pounds on a pair of large drums. After Sir gets the lightning and thunder he asked for, he complains to the people on these instruments that they weren't loud enough, even though we can tell that they were doing the best that they possibly could.

Not only does this scene in *The Dresser* provide some excellent comic relief, but it also demonstrates that the results don't always reflect the effort that goes into a play's production.

Problems With Casting

As for this show's acting, there are, unfortunately, two problems which hurt its overall quality. The casting of Pearsons as Sir and Boyle as Norman hinder our suspension of disbelief because Pearsons, even with aging makeup, looks several years younger than Boyle, whose character is supposed to be Pearsons' junior in the story.

And though Pearsons manages to sustain the high level of emotional intensity that his role requires, his performance occasionally became comical because he exaggerated the mannerisms and vocal inflections used to convey Sir's growing disillusionment.

However, the positive aspects of this Encore Players' production outweigh the negative. Boyle does a fine job in the role of Norman by blending the right amount of zest and servility to create a character who is simultaneously subservient to his employee and powerful enough to compensate for his weaknesses.

Under the crisp direction of Carroll Britch, the play itself moves at a brisk pace and captures the excitement which the script communicates through its story of an aging actor, his dresser, and the environment of which they're both a part of.

***PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for *The Dresser* are \$4.50 (general admission) and \$3.50 (senior citizens & students). They can be reserved by calling 737-0918 or purchased at the door prior to each performance.

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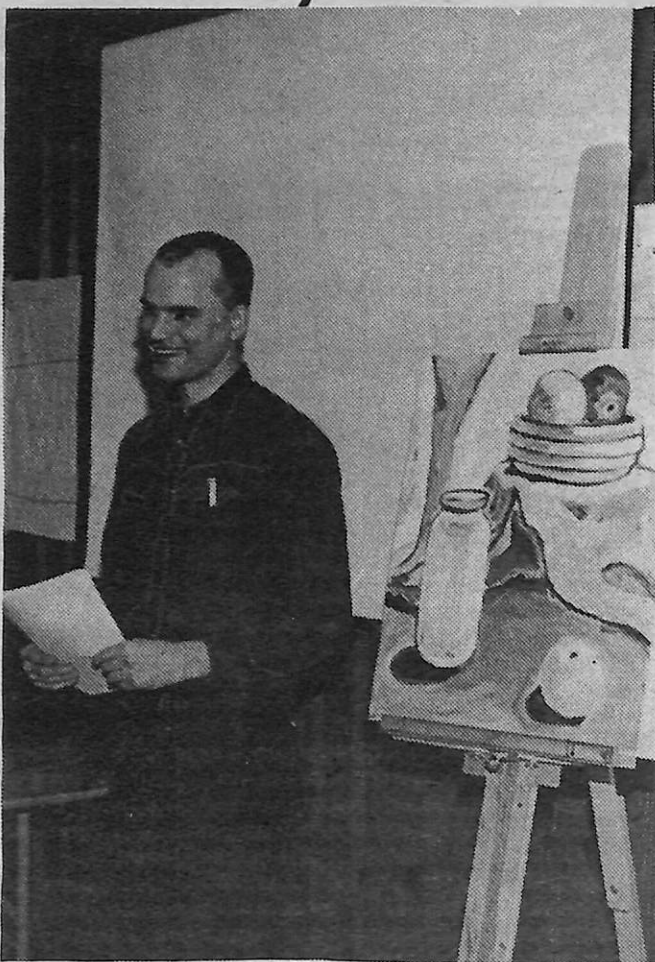
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First Friday Series...



THE AGAWAM ARTS COUNCIL presented its second "First Friday Series" on February 8th at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Here, local artist Mark Brown explains one of his works to the audience. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Hi-Lighters Plan Saturday Square Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, February 23rd, at Valley Community Church, on South Westfield, Feeding Hills, at 8:00 p.m.

Russ Peterson will be the caller and Lyn Case will cue the rounds.

Parents Without Partners Plan Record Hop

Parents Without Partners Chapter 990 will hold a record hop on Friday, February 15th, at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Feeding Hills.

The public is invited to join the fun. Dancing begins at 9:00 p.m. For further information, call Myrt Meunier at 562-5039 or Tony Goggins at 568-2123.

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The rest of the performers in *Witness* also give memorable performances. McGillis (*Reuben, Reuben*), in particular, deserves much credit for her portrayal of Rachel. She plays this character as a likable and usually strong-willed woman, who's torn between her new-found feelings for a man outside of her community and the beliefs that have been instilled in her since she was a little girl.

Going back to the topic of the film's star, I find it distressing when I read or hear other critics say that *Witness* represents Ford's first "real" acting job.

Instead of looking at the role of John Book in this light, they should see it as a growth in the career of a man who has given and will most likely continue to give performances which are of high quality as well as entertaining.

Rating: 4 STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

THE FILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS: *Witness* is a mild R-rated picture which contains some violence, profanity, and brief nudity.

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Hip And Leg Problems

How often have you heard someone complain of a painful hip or a leg problem? Hip and leg problems can occur in many painful ways. The miseries of such conditions as lumbago, rheumatism, neuritis, and sciatica are infamous, indeed.

We depend on our hips and legs throughout our daily routine - throughout our life - more than most of us realize. Millions of individuals must depend on their hips and legs for many miles of walking each day. Postmen, policemen, office, store, and factory employees, housewives, and students are but a few. The value of these important limbs functioning properly and pain free is even more pronounced for such people.

Effect On Muscles

Lumbago and rheumatism both have their effect on the muscles. The hips and lower back (part of the hips) are particularly susceptible to these ailments. Irritation to the nerves which control the function of the hips and legs is the main cause of neuritis.

Sciatica is a condition affecting the sciatic nerve, the largest nerve in the body, which controls movement as well as sensory functions of the hips and legs. Sciatica is an excruciatingly painful condition.

It should come as no surprise that pain so often strikes in the hip and leg areas when you consider the myriad tasks that these body parts are called on to perform. Lifting, pulling, pushing, accidents, etc., can cause injury to nerves resulting in pain in the hips and legs.

Most of us have experienced some degree of hip and leg discomfort due to being forced to sit in a cramped position for a long period of time, perhaps during a long bus, auto, or plane trip. This discomfort, or even pain, is usually short-lived. But can you imagine having to endure this - or even worse - as a constant pain? Many thousands of people do as a result of one of the above mentioned situations. It is no wonder thousands take pain killing drugs.

Unfortunately, the relief is not long-lasting or side effects complicate the usage of these chemicals, and they do not eliminate the underlying cause.

The doctor of chiropractic concerns himself with the effects of spinal misalignment on the nerves that carry health giving energy to every cell of the body.

If vertebrae and the discs between them are subluxate (misaligned), they can pinch (irritate) the nerves that branch out from the spinal structures. This can result in many of the symptoms of leg and back pain.

Nerve Pressure In Lower Back

In specific problems with hips and legs, the nerve pressure is often found in the lower back, though it might be found in other parts of the spine.

If you suffer from lumbago, rheumatism, neuritis, or sciatica, or any other hip or leg problems, ask your chiropractor to examine your spine and nervous system.

If indicated, he will provide proper chiropractic treatment. Delay in treating the condition may cause worsening of the underlying cause.

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Exercise And Your Heart

The pursuit of fitness has without a doubt become a national phenomenon in which people of all shapes and sizes are becoming increasingly involved.

Unfortunately, for as many folks as you talk to about fitness, there are that many theories on the best approaches to exercise; some good, some not so good.

This article focuses on some general recommendations for adult fitness.

First and foremost, if you are 35 years of age or older, and have not been involved in a regular exercise program (guidelines for which are contained herein), please consult your physician before beginning it.

Activity Should Be Aerobic In Nature

In order to have a training effect on the cardiovascular system, which is what adult fitness is primarily about, the type of activity you should do must be aerobic in nature.

Aerobic exercise is activity that uses large muscle mass, in a rhythmic movement at relatively low intensity, for an extended period of time. Jogging, swimming, walking, cross country skiing, bicycling, and rope skipping are examples of aerobic exercise.

Intensity is an important concept and is measured by heart rate attained during exercise. The prescription for adult fitness calls for your training heart rate (THR) to be between 60 and 90% of your age predicted maximum heart rate. There are several formulas used to determine age predicted maximum heart rate; probably the most universal is 220 minus your age, equals 100% maximum heart rate.

In terms of duration and frequency, your exercise bouts should be between 15 and 60 minutes (at your THR) and should take place three to five times per week, preferably on an alternating day schedule. For example, Monday, Wednesday, Friday; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

Progression is the final component of exercise prescription. It answers the question, "How do I increase activity for the most benefit?" The answer is "LSD" or Long Slow Distance.

As you get into your exercise program, you will find that you need more work to elicit the training heart rate from your now more efficient cardiovascular system.

Increasing Duration Of Exercise Bout

When this occurs, respond by increasing the duration of your exercise bout rather than the intensity. The rhythmic, low intensity, long aerobic activity is the recommended approach to adult fitness.

Again, for those people over 35, a pre-exercise physical exam by your physician is strongly recommended.

loosening.

If the bite is off balance, some teeth will hit each other too hard, and others too little. This, too, causes periodontal disease.

It's not hard to see how important replacement of lost teeth can be. Teeth that are hitting out of line can also cause extra stress on the muscles as the jaw shifts to bring the maximum amount of teeth into contact. This can cause temporomandibular joint pain dysfunction syndrome.

What is that? It is a mouthful for one thing. If you place your fingertips against your face in front of the ears and move your jaw up and down, you can feel the movement in the temporomandibular joint on each side. These are similar to hinges and connect the lower jawbone to your skull.

If the jaw is to perform properly, all the upper teeth must overlap all of the lower when you close them on the back teeth, in a fixed or "normal" bite.

A bite problem or any trauma to these joints can cause "TMJ Syndrome" (eluded to previously). Symptoms are popping, clicking, or crackling near the ear, soreness of the jaw after waking and severe pain in the joint area.

It can also cause dizziness, headaches, back aches, and eye pains. A patient suspecting this condition should discuss this with his/her dentist.



NOBLE HOSPITAL NOTES

A Fall Is No Laughing Matter

Falls are often part of slapstick comedy routines, but in real life, taking a tumble may be no laughing matter.

Each year, about 30,000 people are disabled by falls and about 11,000 more die. In most cases, these accidents could be prevented by a little forethought and planning.

Here's a checklist for preventing falls. A "no" answer to any of the questions should alert you to correct the situation.

1. Are porches, steps and walkways cleared of snow? Do you sprinkle icy spots with sand or salt?

2. Are all rugs, especially throw rugs, anchored to the floor, or do they have non-skid safety grips on their backs?

3. Is there adequate light provided for all indoor and outdoor areas (patios, garages, etc.) of your home?

4. If you wax your floors, do you use nonskid floor wax?

5. Are your stairways free of objects on which a person could trip?

6. Does your tub or shower have a grab bar within reach?

7. Are there skid strips in the tub/shower and on uncarpeted stairs?

8. Do all stairs have secure hand rails?

9. Do stairs have light switches at the top and bottom?

10. If older people or children are part of your family have you provided night lights near the stairs for them?

11. Is there a clear path through rooms so that furniture and/or toys don't block walkways?

These are just a few concerns about falling hazards. After thinking about the subject for awhile, you could no doubt come up with several suggestions of your own.

Elderly people are particularly vulnerable to falling injuries. To begin with, people's reflexes often become slower as they age, and they're therefore more likely to lose their balance. And when elderly people do fall, many of them suffer fractures because of osteoporosis - a bone condition caused by loss of calcium, making the bones become thinner and more brittle.

If frail, elderly people must go up and down stairs, it's a good idea to support them on both sides. Keep in mind that if you're not holding them before they fall, you probably won't have time to grab them when they do.

When someone does fall, don't let that person get up immediately. Many people try to get up instantly after a fall because they're embarrassed. But when this happens, they run the risk of standing on broken bones, which may compound the injuries.

Do not, if at all possible, move anyone who complains of numbness in the feet or hands, inability to move a body part, or pain in the back or neck. The same goes for someone who exhibits signs of a head injury. In these cases, it's better to call an ambulance.

Many falls can be prevented, but it takes a conscious effort to make one's home safe. It also takes a safety-conscious attitude, which simply means making safety part of your lifestyle, rather than a temporary project.

Noble Hospital Offers Free Health Screenings

Noble Hospital will offer a series of free health screenings on four successive days, February 19th to 22nd, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Staff Development Office.

Blood glucose analysis, a test for detecting diabetes, will be conducted on Tuesday, February 19th.

On Wednesday, February 20th, respiratory therapists will analyze breathing difficulties and will make recommendations on treatment.

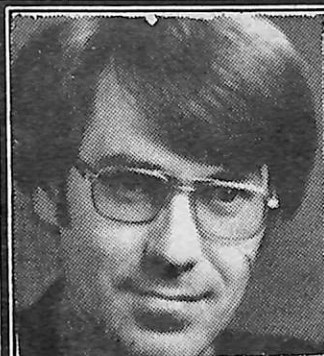
Questions regarding the use of various medications will be the focus of the Thursday, February 21st screening, conducted by a Noble Hospital pharmacist.

The Friday, February 22nd screening, concerns breast examinations and instruction for self-exams, conducted by Dr. Kulin Shah, a surgeon who specializes in the treatment of cancer.

For further information on the health screenings, contact Joseph Barako, R.N., director of Staff Development, 568-2811, extension 421.



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By Dr. Stephen Jacaparo
DMD

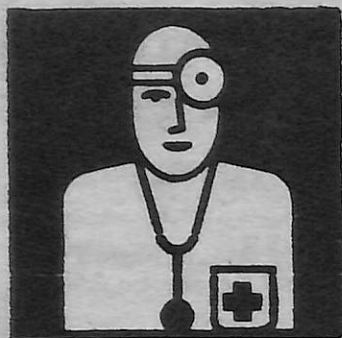
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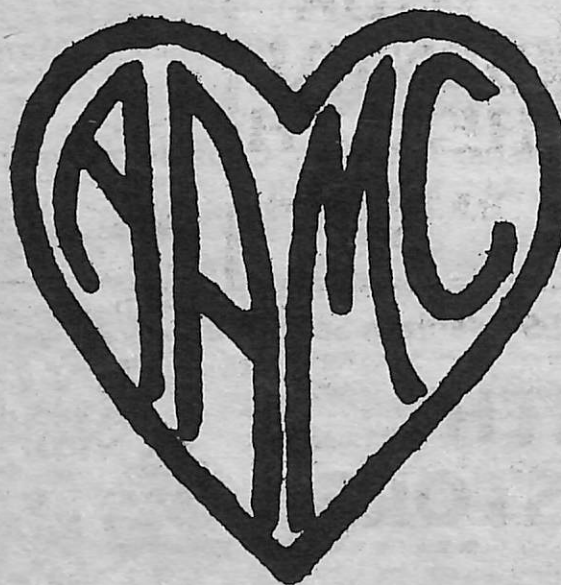
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Schools



NINTH GRADE JUNIOR HIGH ART STUDENTS display masks made as part of a learning unit under the direction of Frances Green - from left - David Laudato, Bryan Boutwell, Shelly Morris, Heather Dupont, and Kim Galarneau.

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St. Thomas School Agawam Honor Roll

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Town Residents Named To Dean's List At STCC

Local residents who have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1984 semester at Springfield Technical Community College were announced by STCC president Andrew M. Scibelli.

The Dean's List is published each semester to recognize above-average academic performance. Students carrying a course load of 12 or more semester hours, who achieve a quality point average of 3.3 or above, are placed on the Dean's List.

Agawam residents named to the STCC Dean's List include, Michael Anop, Linda Desmarais, Thaddeus Dobek, Pamela Fairhurst, Thomas Martin, Yolanda McMullen, Carole Monahan, Giuseppin Scudert, and Robert Warner.

Feeding Hills residents named to the STCC Dean's List include, Donald Eagan, Mary Kopyscinski and Annamarie Mason.

9th Grade Art Students Finish Unit On Mask-Making

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Dating back to ancient times, masks have been used in religious and tribal ceremonies as well as theatrical productions.

Ninth grade junior high art students of Frances Green, recently completed a month-long project which involved the creation of several of these facial coverings.

After extensively researching the history of masks, Ms. Green's 90 pupils began their projects by selecting a design with clowns, cartoon and movie characters being the most popular choices.

Ms. Green explains that the three-dimensional masks were constructed from paris craft, a highly sophisticated casting material.

Utilizing large-size aluminum cans, students wrapped paris craft around the containers in order to give the masks a rounded shape.

Next, newspaper, cardboard, oaktag, and masking tape were used to form the facial features and designs.

The hardened products were then painted with bright, colorful acrylic paints in order to keep them from peeling.

Ms. Green states that this is the 18th time she has instituted the popular mask unit with her students, who enjoy creating three-dimensional projects.

Although the students enjoy working with all types of art forms, they particularly like three-dimensional projects. The mask unit also gives them the opportunity to work with a really nice material such as paris craft, she remarks.

The 12-year art teacher reports that the completed masks are currently on display in the school showcase where they will remain for the next two weeks.

"Everyone thoroughly enjoyed creating their mask. The unit was not only an in-depth learning experience for students, but also an outlet for their imaginations," comments Ms. Green.

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One-Act Plays Set For February 28th At Agawam High School

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Residents suffering from the "winter blues" may attend "An Evening of One Act Plays," as presented by the Agawam High School advanced theater class, Thursday, February 28th, at 7:30 p.m., in the senior high auditorium.

AHS theater department director Margo Poulin, states that the 90-minute production will lift the spirits of audience members as well as provide an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Three one-act plays, *Suppressed Desires*, by Susan Glaspell, *Overtone*, by Alice Gerstenberg, and *Sandbox*, by Edward Albee, will be performed by Mrs. Poulin's eleven-member Theater III class as a culmination of their first semester course.

Allowed To Choose Plays

The play director explains that students examined several scripts and were allowed to choose what plays they wanted to perform.

She points out that although not comedies, each of the plays has several humorous scenes as well as those more serious.

Moreover, *Sandbox* will feature musical accompaniment by flutist Jay Duval, while French A.F.S. student Charles Dumon will make his acting debut in *Suppressed Desires*.

Mrs. Poulin notes that a five minute narrative break will take place between plays so that audience members can become familiar with what they will witness in the next performance.

The eight-year director states that cast members, who will provide their own costumes and props, have been diligently rehearsing for their debut two days each week for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Poulin says that she hopes theatrical productions can become bi-annual events for her theater classes. She reports that last year, her students traveled to each of the town elementary schools where they performed *Peter Pan*.

This year, tentative plans are already underway for them to perform excerpts from *Huck Finn*, and *The Hobbit* at the elementary schools while junior and senior high students will witness *Catcher in the Rye*.

Mrs. Poulin gratefully acknowledges Country Squire Furniture for generously donating furniture for use during the show, as well as the AHS print shop for providing the show's programs.

She reports that monies earned from ticket sales will



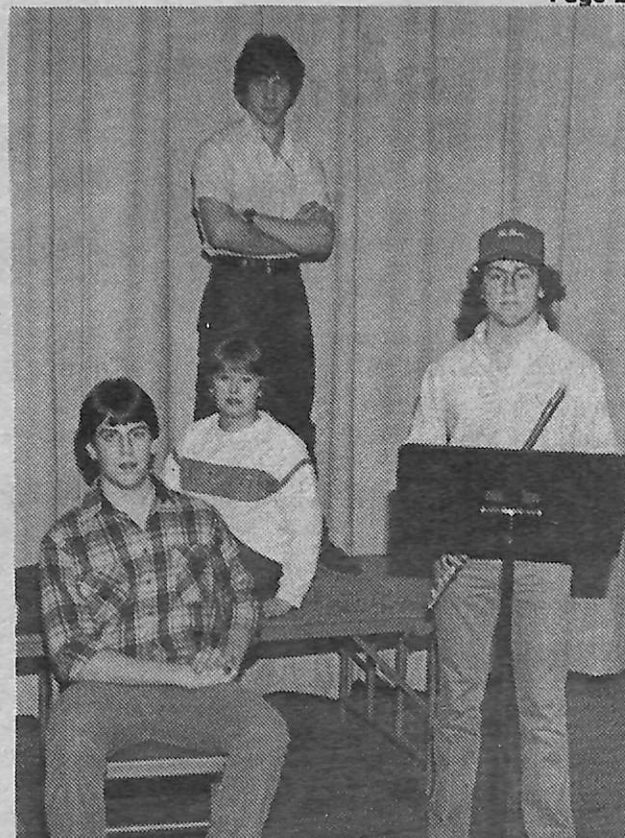
"OVERTONE" cast at Agawam High School. Standing, from left - Gina Falletti and Kim Belisle; seated - Joanne Canty and Lisa Kozel. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

be used to supplement drama department funds. Tickets, which are \$2, can be purchased at the door.

Cast members for the play *Suppressed Desires* include, Kim Belisle, Charles Dumon, and Deanna Fisher. Those students appearing in *Overtone* include,

Liza Kozel, Kim Belisle, Joanne Canty, Christopher Carr, and Gina Falletti. *Sandbox* cast members are John LeClerc, Lynn LeFevre, Christopher Carr, Jay Duval, and Jennifer Souders.

Besides Kytte Barrientos, who serves as both narrator and stage manager, other theatre art students working behind the scenes include, Samantha Doran

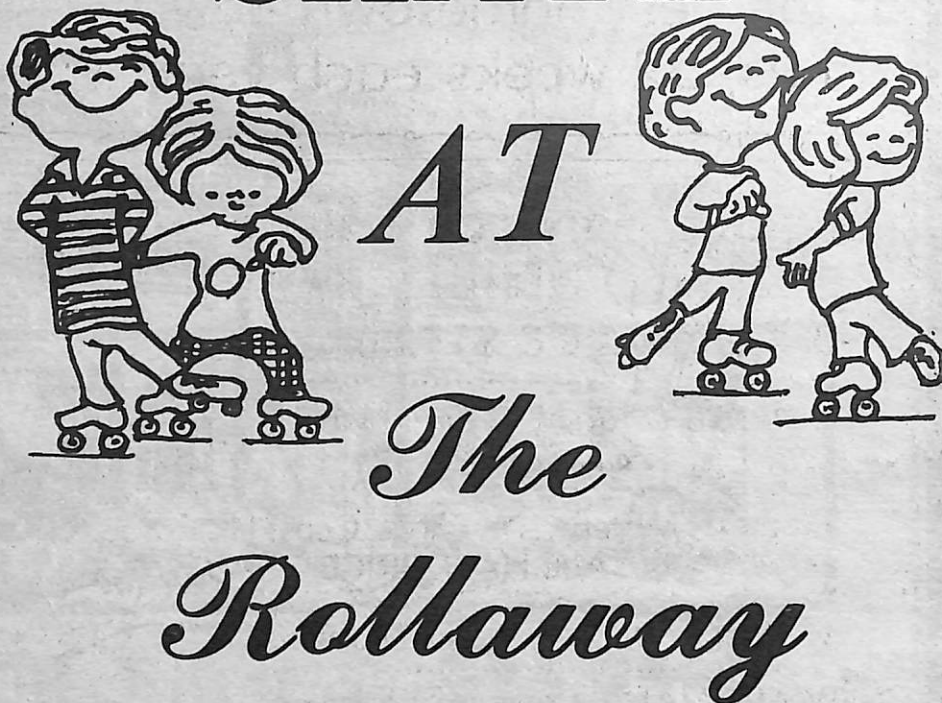


"SANDBOX" cast at Agawam High School. Standing (in rear) John Leclerc, Jennafer Souders (middle), Christopher Carr (seated in chair) and Jay Duval (with flute). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

and Angela Proakis, lighting; Jacqueline Blakesley, stage manager; and Lucy VonHollander, typist.

"Everyone has put a lot of time and effort into this production. We hope residents will enjoy the fruits of our labor," remarks Mrs. Poulin.

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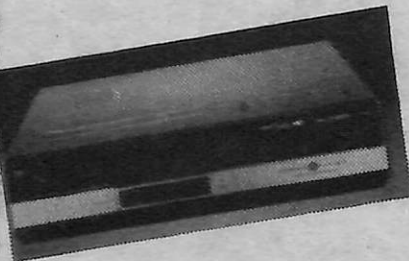
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Alumni Band Performance A Highlight Of "Bandathon"



AGAWAM HIGH ALUMNI BAND MEMBERS Larry Manning and Debbie Twarog play a mean saxophone at the "Bandathon" held by the AHS Band Parents last weekend....Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



...ALUMNI BAND MEMBER JORDAN ST. JOHN, now a TV-22 newscaster, still knows how to play a tune or two. St. John is still an Agawam resident.... Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



...LINDA ANDERSON & JOHN HALLOCK were all business when they performed with the Agawam High Alumni Band at the AHS "Bandathon" last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Second Annual Gong Show Set For STCC

Bernadette Conte, president of the Springfield Technical Community College Association of Business Students, announced today that the club will be sponsoring its "Second Annual Gong Show" on Friday, March 8th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Gallery on campus.

If anyone would like to enter, take a chance of being discovered, and win a \$50 cash prize, call Springfield

Technical Community College and ask for Carol Shanahan, secretary, building 17, second floor, for more details.

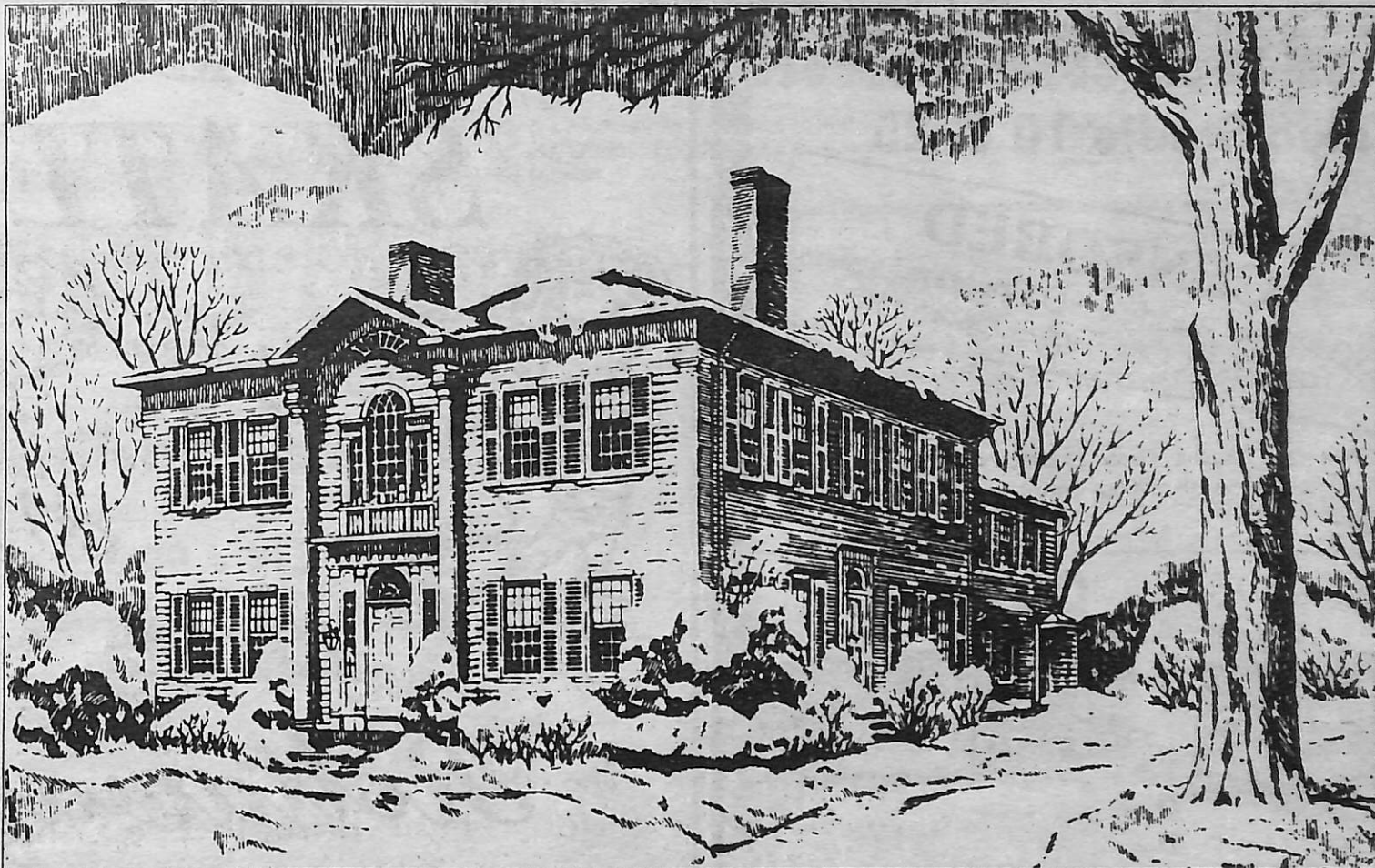
The entrance fee is \$2 and tickets costing \$2 will be available at the door the evening of the performance. Refreshments will be served.

Join us for an evening of laughs!

Pauline Liquori Named To New Rochelle Dean's List

Pauline Liquori of Agawam, a graduate of Cathedral High School, was named to the dean's list at College of New Rochelle. She is majoring in public relations, maintaining a 3.6 average.

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Brownies Gals Hold On To Drop Falcons

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' basketball team controlled three quarters of play in a rough and out-of-control battle with Minnechaug on Tuesday, February 12th. In the end, the Brownies were rewarded for their efforts with a 43-40 victory.

Just prior to this, the Brownies were belted by East Longmeadow, 54-37, on Friday, February 8th. They own a 5-11 record at presstime.

In the topsy-turvy, foul-plagued contest vs. Valley Wheel opponent Minnechaug, the Brownies rallied from a 13-7 first quarter deficit to take the command chair behind some offensive fireworks.

The big turnaround in the game began in the second quarter when center Kelli Trudel put on a scoring show as she netted 10 consecutive points. Her jumper in the key area with 2:08 left gave Agawam a 19-15 lead.

Trudel's energy flowed from all over the court - the foul line, baseline, and on the offensive boards. Agawam went into the lockerroom with a 20-17 advantage.

The Brownies continued to burn the nets when scrappy guard Leah Negrucci sank their first three hoops of the third quarter, two off the fastbreak. This surge upped Agawam's lead to 26-17.

Aggressive, man-to-man full court pressure, spearheaded by the quick Trish Landry, caused many problems for the Falcons. Negrucci and center Joelle Dion also got into the aggressive act and this caused some foul problems for the Brownies. Both were on the bench saddled with four fouls midway through the third period.

Filling in for them were Gina Serra and Cathy Landry, who, along with Carri Brown, provided the locals with some much-needed depth. Still, the Falcons put on a rally of their own to cut the lead to 32-28 after three.

The whistle was blown 12 times in the final quarter because of fouls, but neither team had a particularly good showing at the foul line.

Balanced Brownie scoring and solid defensive rebounding by Serra, Dion, and Trudel kept the Falcons from getting those important second and third shots.

A pair of free throws by Trish Landry with 55 seconds left gave the Brownies their 42nd and 43rd points and a seven point lead. The Falcons netted two field goals before time ran out.

Trudel was tops for the Brownies with 12 points, while Trish Landry added 11. Negrucci scored all 10 of her points in the second half. Michelle Meilhot led the Falcons with 16.

The Brownies host Amherst on Thursday, February 14th (presstime) and travel to Cathedral on Tuesday, February 19th.

AAA 7th-8th Grade Remain Undefeated In Girls Basketball

The Agawam Athletic Association sponsored 7th-8th grade suburban girls basketball team learned on the very first day of practice that the letter "i" is not in the word "team."

This team philosophy, passed on by co-coach Mike Martin, has helped propel the gals to an undefeated season so far, including a recent, 47-12 drubbing of Wilbraham on Saturday, February 9th.

The locals now stand 13-0 overall and are 11-0 in Suburban League play. They have five games remaining on their regular season schedule.

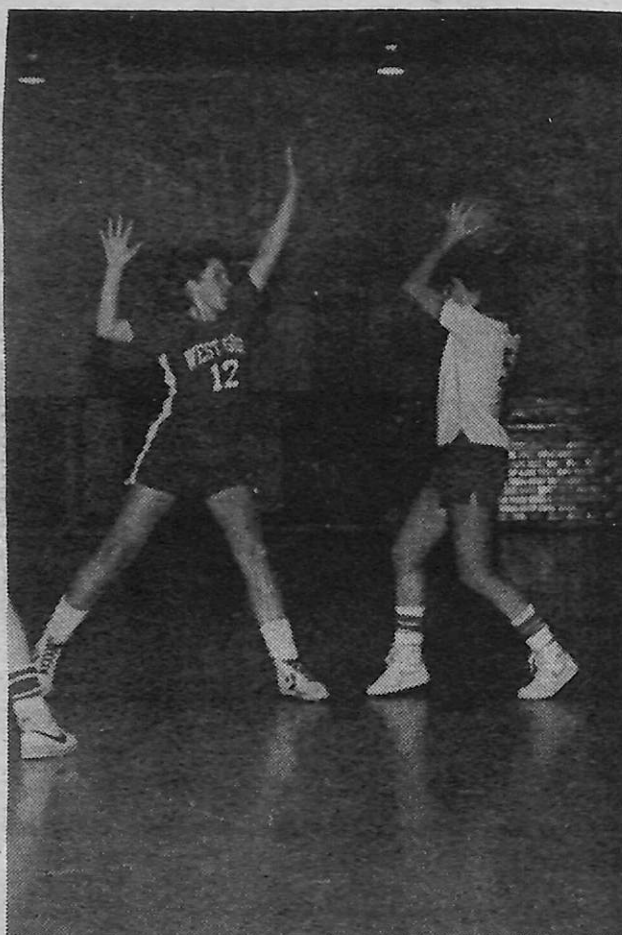
For all intents and purposes, the game vs. Wilbraham was over by halftime. The locals held a commanding, 32-6 lead, thanks to a stifling man-to-man, full court press, a standard operating procedure for co-coach Bob Hersey's team.

Also contributing to the lop-sided contest was the efforts of point guard Karen Patterson, who went from playmaker to shooter. She took game-scoring honors. Karen was joined in the point-parade by Cathy Scaggs, Lori Desimone, Donna Grasso, and Traci Trudel.

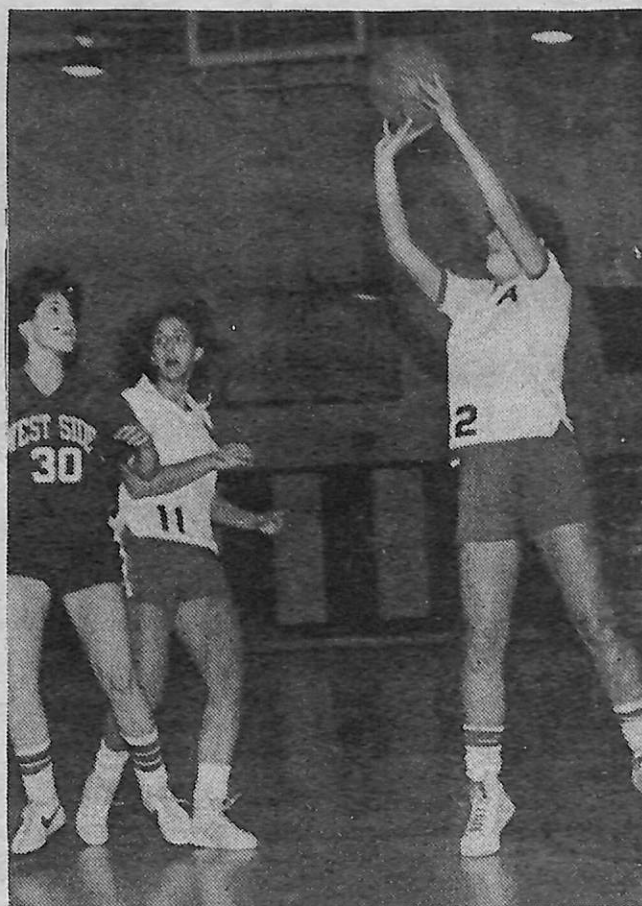
Amy Fetherston, a terror off the backboards, helped initiate the fast-working fast break with a bushel of rebounds. Alana Graham, Tricia Rea, Missy Brown, Jennifer Scaggs, and Missy DesRosiers, headed the defense that completely shutdown the Wilbraham team.

"Coach Martin and I are very pleased with the way the girls have been playing as a team," Hersey said. "Their unselfish play has helped them stay on top of the league. We're looking forward to finishing out our season on a strong note."

At presstime, the locals were scheduled to square-off against West Springfield. They will then play their last home contest of the season on Monday, February 18th, vs. Wilbraham.



AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' varsity point guard Trish Landry (5) directs the offensive flow in recent action vs. West Springfield at the high school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FORWARD GINA SERRA (22) puts up a shot as center Joelle Dion (11) fights for rebounding position in Agawam's recent meeting with West Springfield at the high school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Park & Rec. Offers Senior Lifesaving Course

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Red Cross Senior Lifesaving Course at the Agawam Junior High pool. It will be held each Tuesday and Thursday night beginning Tuesday, February 26th, and ends Tuesday, March 19th. The classes will be meeting from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., for a total of 21 hours.

Denise Cardone and staff will serve as the instructors. It is open to any person who has reached their

15th birthday.

A fee of \$36 will be charged. This includes all instructions and supplies needed to complete the course.

All persons interested must be pre-registered at the Parks and Recreation Office. The office is open for registration Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Hockey Boosters Hold Valentine's Dance



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Hockey Booster Club held a Valentine's Dance at the Polish American Club on Saturday, February 9th, to help raise funds for the organization. Here, members from left, Larry Bouchard, Caroline Coelln, Hope Bouchard, Janet Pearson, co-chairwoman, and Wright Pearson, pose with rocking chair that was to be raffled-off. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Sextet Remains Frustrated

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Oh, the frustration continued for the Agawam High hockey team. They put forth their best effort of the season on Tuesday, February 12th, only to come up short in a 4-3 loss to Classical in Berry Division action at the Eastern States Coliseum.

Also, on Friday, February 8th, the locals were upended by Holyoke High, 7-2 for the second time this season.

Coach Eddie Drewnowski's skaters stand at 0-13-1 with just two games remaining and are out of the tournament for the first time in about seven years.

The Brownies only held the lead once in the loss to Classical and that came when Scott Pearson popped in the puck after a big pileup in front of the Classical net at 11:49 of the first session. Pearson's tally gave the Brownies a 2-1 margin.

Just before Pearson's marker, Agawam's Joey Rondetto took a feed from Mike Santore at the 10:06 mark for the locals' first goal. Classical's Tim Kotfila had opened game scoring at 4:19.

A more aggressive Classical sextet took the initiative on the offensive end in the second period when they tallied twice on goals from Jay Belander (3:46) and Rob Fabrocini (10:22). This erased the Agawam lead and put Classical out front, 3-2.

The locals, however, proved they are a team of much better quality than a month ago when they netted the equalizer just 21 seconds after Fabrocini's goal. Peter Sibilia was the culprit as he converted a beautiful feed from Bob Barbarini.

The contest remained tied until forward Desi Dogan capitalized on a two-on-one break for the eventual game-winner at 11:11 of the third period.

The evenly-matched contest saw Agawam goalie Mike Augusti make 26 saves while Classical's Mark Wyler rejected 27 shots.

"The kids seem to be playing better but one little mistake can cost us the game," said Drewnowski, in reference to the breakdown that allowed Dogan to score on the break.

"The kids are still playing hard but it's frustrating for everyone not to have a win to show for the hard work," he added.

Agawam has two chances to record a victory in the 1984-85 season, although both battles will be uphill. They play a tough Chicopee Comp squad on Thursday, February 14th (presstime) and then tangle with Berry Division leader Cathedral (9-3-1) on Tuesday, February 19th.

Brownie Swimmers Head Into Tourney After Classical Loss

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' and girls' swim teams both succumbed to Division B opponent Classical in their final regular season duel meet on Friday, February 16th. At presstime, both squads are preparing for the Annual Western Mass. Swim Meet to be held this weekend, February 15th to 16th.

The boys, under coach Dave Smith, fell to the Bulldogs, 92-64, and watched their final record dip to 7-7.

The gals, coached by Dee Berkey, are 3-11 after the 95-60 loss to the Bulldogs.

In the boys' competition, Dave Allen led the way for the Brownies as he earned two first place finishes and was also a member of the winning 400-yard free relay team.

Allen took top honors in the 200-yard freestyle (2:11.97) and the 400-yard freestyle (5:58.64). He, along with Jay Duvall, Peter Souders, and Mike Wojcik, raced to the top spot in the 400-yard free relay (3:57.65).

There were four second place winners for the Brownies: Rich Vezis, 100-yard backstroke (1:07.37); Jeff Hastings, 200-yard individual medley; Duvall, 50 free; and Wojcik, 100 free.

The Bulldogs (6-6) took control of the meet from the opening event as they never relinquished the lead. The city school was paced by double winners Dave Kim and Mike Normoyle.

The Brownies gals led the Bulldogs, 19-11 after the first two events, thanks to the winning medley relay team of Tina Pirnie, Judy Pignatara, Anne Llewellyn, and Chris David (2:15.69).

Llewellyn continued her torrid record-breaking pace as she once again rewrote her own school mark in the 200 free (2:10.39), good for first place.

The remaining performances of note for the locals were all second place finishes: Judy Pignatara, 50 and 100 free; Chris Desilets, 400 free; and Llewellyn, 100 backstroke.

Brownie Karen Killian finally went under the nine minute mark in the 400 free, a goal she has been striving for all season.

WESTERN MASS. NOTES: There are two Agawam girls who qualified for the tournament: Llewellyn in the 100 and 200 free and Pignatara in the 50 and 100 free.

A medley relay team of Pirnie, Llewellyn, Pignatara, and David, along with the free relay team of Pirnie, David, Stacy Senflug, and either Dawn Fleury or Chris Desilets.

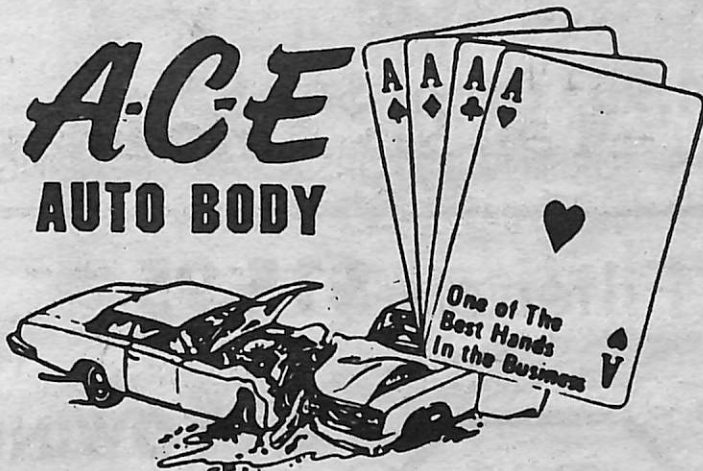
The Agawam boys' WM qualifiers are: Jason Osborne, 100 backstroke; Hastings, 100 breaststroke; Vezis, backstroke; Wojcik, 50 free; Wood, backstroke; Allen, 500 free; and Fred Depka, diving.

The medley relay team of Osborne, Hastings, Vezis, and Wojcik, along with the free relay team of Duvall, Wojcik, Allen, and Vezis, also will compete.

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Supino Bitter About Football Post

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Two-year Agawam High School varsity football coach Carl Supino, who compiled a 3-17 record, failed to reapply for the coaching job by the February 1st deadline, according to AHS principal John Morrissey, thereby opening up the position for new candidates.

A screening committee, comprised of Morrissey, Clifford Kibbe (AHS athletic director), Thomas O'Keefe (junior high principal), and Donald Charest (assistant superintendent of schools), recommended Joseph Modzelewski, a 16-year AHS physical educator instructor, as their choice to the Agawam School Committee on Tuesday, February 11th.

Modzelewski, a former assistant coach under Kibbe, also starred for the Brownies in the late 1950's. He was approved by the School Committee on a unanimous vote.

Each Coach Given Evaluation

According to Morrissey, each Agawam High coach is given an end-of-the-season evaluation by Kibbe. A coach is either granted reappointment at that time, or if there are questions concerning his/her performance as coach, that individual must reapply by the February 1st deadline.

"This is not a firing of Supino or a resigning on his part. It's just a failure by him to reapply for the position," Morrissey said.

When asked for comment, Kibbe declined and referred all questions to Morrissey.

When Morrissey was asked if he was surprised that Supino, a former assistant coach at South Hadley High before becoming a first-time head coach at Agawam, didn't reapply, the principal said, "I was not surprised." Morrissey would not elaborate further.

In a telephone interview with Supino Monday, February 10th, he said Kibbe made it clear through his evaluation that his tenure at Agawam High was in jeopardy. "My evaluation wasn't good and it was clear

about the school's intentions," said Supino. "I totally disagreed with what he said (Kibbe) in the evaluation and I refused to sign it."

Supino would not give specific examples of the portions of the evaluation he disagreed with.

"I know I could have reappplied for the job, but I felt I'd be lowering myself. I have some pride, you know. I just didn't feel reapplying would make any sense," Supino said.

Supino had hoped to rebuild a Brownie program that went from a memorable, 8-1-1 record in 1981 to 1-10 in 1982. When Supino assumed the post from Jack Michalak in 1983, his team was 1-9. In 1984, the Brownies were 2-8 and at times it appeared the rebuilding process was in reverse.

On The Grill

And it was no secret Supino was on the grill by a number of Brownie rooters because of the team's performance over the past two seasons.

Supino commented, "This would have been my third year as the team's coach and I feel the Agawam High football pendulum is on the upswing. I thought I had good rapport with the kids and was looking forward to continuing with a much better team in 1985.

In reflecting on his two year stint as head coach, Supino noted the two wins over long-time rival West Springfield on Thanksgiving Day were highlights.

"I thought the first win over West Side (November 24th, 1983) was the greatest of all. First, it was my first win as a head coach and because it snapped the (16-game) losing streak.

"I also thought this year's win over West Side was special because the kids played the hardest and ended the season on a positive note. I was really proud of them. I felt I had the respect of the kids. The future of Agawam football is promising and I'm sorry I won't be a part of it."



SIGNING UP JOEY DUPELLE, 6, (right) for the Agawam Little League baseball program is Debbie Pellegrino (center). Looking on is Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, 2½. The sign-ups were held at the middle school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AAA Basketball Standings

As Of February 11th, 1985

10-12 American	
McCarthy Tile	6 0
Grimaldi & Burdzak	3 3
Westfield Savings	1 5
Polish Club	0 6
10-12 National	
Agawam Police	6 0
Preston Trucking	4 2
Agawam Advertiser News	3 3
Casa Di Lisa	2 4
8-10 Boys American	
Christy's Plumbing	6 0
Provin Mt. Farms	6 0
Pioneer Valley Auto Parts	5 1
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Classical, Commerce Roll Over Brownies In Basketball

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' basketball team felt the crunch of two Springfield powers when they were dumped by Classical (66-45) and Commerce (74-42) in their most recent schoolboy contests. The locals have now lost all 16 games this season.

The Brownies only made trouble for themselves when they missed several easy baskets and were then hammered on the boards by Commerce on Tuesday, February 12th.

The perennially strong Red Raiders were 8-5 going into the contest and stood in third place in the Valley League behind Putnam and Tech.

High-scoring Bill Shepard (15.0 average) burned the cords for 10 of his team's 17 first quarter points, helping the Red Raiders to a 17-12 lead. Shepard finished with 22 points.

A most damaging 19-4 scoring run by the Red Raiders all but put the lid on the Brownies, who trailed, 36-16 at the intermission.

Dave Pemberton was Agawam's high-man with 14, while Ray Leclair was next with 8.

"We didn't execute very well and really hurt ourselves when we didn't take advantage of easy opportunities," said second-year coach Peter Kowalski.

The Brownies fared little better in their contest vs. Classical on Friday, February 8th, which evened the Bulldogs' record at 7-7.

The only time the game was close was during the first six minutes of action. The teams remained deadlocked at 8-8 during a dry spell. Paul Scoville scored all of his 6 points in the first quarter and Tim Lockwood added a bucket. Classical then closed the session with a 7-0 run to take a 15-8 lead.

"The kids were a little tight because it was the first time we faced a city school this year," offered Kowalski. "Their defensive pressure was very tough on us and took away any consistent play we might have had."

Paul Fetherston led the Brownies with 12 points followed by Leclair with 10 and Mike Chausse with 9.

The Brownies host Holyoke on Friday, February 15th and travel to Putnam on Tuesday, February 19th, as they have just four games remaining on their schedule.

Frosh Post 11-5 Record With One Game Left

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam Junior High freshman basketball team maintained its cool in a heated battle with Minnechaug on Tuesday, February 12th. The locals broke open a close game in the second half en route to a 61-53 triumph before a partisan crowd.

That win, combined with a tough, 62-60 loss to Amherst on Friday, February 8th, gives coach Dick Cowles' charges an 11-5 record with one more game left.

The first quarter of action vs. Minnechaug set the tempo for the remainder of the game as Agawam held a slim, 14-12 edge. The game was tied four times in the first stanza as each team relied on one player to do the scoring.

Agawam's Peter Vecchiarelli scored 8 of his 12 points in the first session, including a pair of excellent, baseline power moves to the hole. The Falcons responded with Jim Kibinski, who netted 10 of his game-high 16 points in the opening eight minutes.

The Warriors struggled a bit in the second quarter and were down by as many as nine (21-12) with 5:55 left in the half. However, an aggressive half-court zone trap, plus some key rebounding by Joe Kosinski (11) and Jeff Reece (15), enabled Agawam to regain the lead.

Reece's jumper from the top of the key and a Reece two-pointer off a rebound with four seconds left gave the home folks a 25-23 lead at the intermission. Reece's hoop ended a 13-2 run by the Warriors. Reece finished with 13 points for his afternoon's work.

Besides Kosinski and Reece, Mike Dilullo (12) and spunky point guards Paul Poole and Jim Lockwood, ran

the zone trap very aggressively and with much success.

The third quarter was highlighted by big rebounds from Reece, who kept the Falcons' hulking center Ralf Cirillo off the backboards.

In this high-scoring period, Agawam built a seven point lead on Ricky Brown's fastbreak layup with 1:11 remaining (40-33). They also closed out the third quarter with a seven point edge when Chris Ollari canned a jumper with three seconds showing (44-37).

The deadly outside marksmanship of Jeff Lowry kept the Falcons within striking distance as he buried 10 of his 12 points in the second half.

With the Warriors on top, 48-45 with less than five minutes remaining, Reece scored the team's next seven points to put Minnechaug away for good.

"We started out pretty slow, but I felt we played under control for the whole ballgame," said Cowles.

He added, "Kosinski made a big difference in the second quarter when we were down. He went out and helped control the boards and this enabled us to come back and take the lead. I was also pleased with the play of Ollari and Lockwood, who did nice jobs on the press."

In the two-point loss to Amherst, the Hurricanes sank 9-13 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter to take the win. Dilullo was high-man for the Warriors with 20 points, while Jeff Peterson and Reece added 19 and 14 points, respectively.

The Warriors conclude the 1984-85 season on Friday, February 15th, when Amherst is again their opponents.

NCAA Division II Seats On Sale February 25th

Reserved seat package plans for the March 21st-23rd NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball championships will go on sale Monday, February 25th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Springfield Civic Center and Datatix outlets throughout New England.

The package includes the same seat for each of the three doubleheaders. As Doug Burr, committee vice chairman stated, "Fans who purchase the package will receive three evenings of championship action for the price of two." The packages are priced at \$16 and \$12 for the entire championship, as compared to \$8 and \$6 if purchased each evening.

Since this is a national championship, tickets sold in advance must be purchased as a package, prior to

Monday, March 18th, when they can be sold individually.

The local committee, chaired by Steve Root, reports the greatest advance ticket sale in the seven-year history of the NCAA Division II Basketball Championship in "Basketball City" USA.

A total of 3,085 were sold for last year's championships, including those purchased by the competing institutions. Root and Burr expect to exceed that number this year based on current sales.

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Upsets Galore Hurt Top Teams In Monday Tri-Parish Bowling

Several huge upsets in the ninth week of rolling in Round Two of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League has tightened the race considerably. With two weeks to go in this round, Fordham (24 wins-first place) lead St. Anselm (24 wins-second place) by a total team pinfall of just 28 pins.

11th place Holy Cross (14 wins) shocked Fordham, four wins to none. It was HC's finest hour of a very dismal 1984-85 year. For the winners, PAULINE BARBIERI began by stopping KATHY CARVILL, 273-259. Then, "Miss Consistent," MAYBETH COUGHLIN of HC, defeated STELLA BARBIERI, 292-284. In a battle of Da Vinci's Restaurant, Fordham's STEVE DEVANEY barely edged new HC full-time roller, JOE CALABRAIS, 287-272.

But the real story of this night was the return to the lanes of HC captain JOHN "The Braggard" CHEKOVSKY of Southwick. The Braggard lived-up to his trademark when he crushed Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL, 346-299. That was the difference.

In another stunner, Georgetown (21½ wins-fifth place) got back into the first division after a lengthy absence by beating defending grand champs St. Anselm's, four wins to none. Substitute SUE AMABILE began on the right foot for St. A's by stopping PAT RESCIGNO, 276-248. However, TONY DEPALO brought G-Town right back with a 297-253 whipping of MICHELLE PISANO.

The match remained tight when St. A's RICHARD SNYDER just nipped SANDY PRZESZLO, 305-303. AL "The Fearsome One," snarled and growled and intimidated St. A's captain VI MASSOIA in the decisive match. He clobbered Vi, 343-279, causing St. A's to lose what later might be called a turning point for both teams. Al Moccio was all smiles after this one.

Round One winners Villanova (10th place-14 wins) placed a big hurt on St. Louis (3rd place-22 wins), three wins to one. A clutch night by St. Lou might have put them in the top spot with two weeks to go in this round.

Winning in a rather large fashion for Villanova was ERNIE BLAIR (314-235 over FELIX PEPPER) which proved to be the deciding factor. DEBBIE POIRIER, the St. Lou captain, bested FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO, 307-301, in a battle between former teammates (Debbie used to roll with Villanova). Rolling well for St. Lou were JOHN MLINEK (314) and RENEE JURY (317), but to no avail.

Sacred Heart AA Holds Summer Sign-Ups



THE SACRED HEART ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION held its third weekend sign-up for the coming spring/summer baseball-softball season. Being signed-up for girls' softball are Sandy Albano and Tracy Daborowski. Taking the girls' registration cards are Laurie Russo, commissioner of the 7-9 league; and Edith Sjostrom, commissioner of 10-13. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. Michael moved into better footing (fourth place-21½ wins) with a four wins to none night over fading Catholic University (seventh place-16 wins). Winning for St. Mike's were JANICE MOCCIO (310), STEP STEPANIAN (318) and captain MIKE O'CONNELL (316). Mike crushed sagging CU captain JIM SNYDER (288). Jim was deeply hurt after he and his team failed again.

Another lowly team, Notre Dame (last place-13 wins) smashed St. Mary (9th place-15 wins), four wins to none. ND winners included JAY LAGODITZ (292), JOE RESCIGNO (306), and substitute captain BILLY COLSON with a whopping 359-307 hammering of St.

Mary's proud captain, FRED MORASSI. Faring quite well for the losers was newcomer AUDREY PHILLIPS (310). Audrey is replacing PAUL LAGODITZ who is out with illness. Supervising the ND win from the sidelines was one-armed captain JOHN RESCIGNO, who sported a bandaged elbow after surgery.

Loyola (8th place-16 wins) smashed sagging Boston College (6th place-18 wins), three wins to one. Winners for Loyola included DANA MARQUIS (269), SHARON WRIGHT (287) and captain EDDIE ANDERSON (310). BC captain BOBBY MOCCIO could do no better than a 293 as his mind still isn't on the bowling. Give Bobby time - he'll be back.

Agawam Soccer Association

Spring Soccer Registration Boys And Girls



Time: Saturday, February 16th - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(Snow Date, February 23rd - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
Place: Middle School Cafeteria
Fee: \$12.00 per child

Due to the increasing interest in spring soccer, the Agawam Soccer Association will hold a registration on February 16, 1985 for the 1985 spring soccer season. Before registering your child, we would recommend that you consider the following information about the spring soccer program.

1. The league your child will participate in will be the inter-city league, known as the Pioneer Valley League. This will require traveling to other towns to play games. There will *not* be an intramural league in the spring.
2. The spring soccer league play will begin around the second week of April and end during the second week in June. Will your child's involvement in spring soccer conflict with any other spring sport?
3. Your child will play an average of 2 games per week - one game during the week and one on either Saturday or Sunday. If we should have a large sign-up, we will need coaches. So please sign-up when you register your child.

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AAA 5th-6th Graders Go To 14-3 In Hoop

Coming off last week's disappointing, 31-29 loss at the hands of Westfield C & P, the Agawam Athletic Association sponsored boys' suburban 5th-6th grade basketball team answered back with a 30-16 trouncing of Chicopee DARA on Wednesday, February 6th.

The win pushes Agawam's record to 12-3 in the league and 14-3 overall. Under the direction of John Hyland, they have one regular season game left vs. the Westfield Whips on Thursday, February 14th (presstime).

Chicopee DARA showed up with only five players and according to Hyland, "there was never any question about the outcome of the game."

Agawam maintained the lead throughout the contest, thanks to some valuable point contributions from John Battista (10) and Mike Sibilia (6). This tandem helped the locals to leads of 8-4 (first quarter) and 12-8 at the half. Mike Pellegrino and Brett Boskiewicz each canned four points to further the lead.

Assist leader Mike McElligott did a nice job finding the open man and he looked to Chris Corgan. Todd Hyland, and Chris McElligott, who all hit for field goals.

Strong rebounding from Benjie Ferris, Bryan Conery, and Dave Kozel, limited the Chicopee squad to just one shot.

"I was pleased with the performances of the kids who don't usually see as much playing time, like John Battista and Mike Sibilia. It will help us come playoff time to know we have that kind of depth," Hyland said.

After playing the Westfield Whips on Thursday, February 14th, the Agawam AA suburban basketball team will be participating in the Wilbraham Invitational Basketball Tournament, which runs from February 18th to 24th.

The tournament will be held at the Wilbraham Middle School on Stony Hill Road. The 5th-6th grade team plays their first round against Holy Cross of Springfield on Monday, February 18th, at 2:45 p.m. If they advance in the single elimination tournament, they will play on Wednesday, February 20th.

Wilbraham To Host Youth Hoop Tourney

The encore presentation that everyone has been waiting for featuring "The Best in Youth Basketball" will take place Sunday, February 17th to Sunday, February 24th. The Wilbraham Recreation Department and the Wilbraham Suburban Basketball teams will host 28 basketball teams throughout the Pioneer Valley in the second annual event.

Fifteen teams in each division (5th & 6th grade) and (7th & 8th grade) will compete for the championship of their respective divisions. Teams participating are from the Eastern and Western divisions of the Suburban Amateur Basketball League.

Opening round action tips off Sunday, February 17th, at 11:00 a.m., with Easthampton vs. Longmeadow (Seniors). Other key Senior Division matches include: Ludlow vs. Agawam on Monday, at 8:00 p.m.; Northampton vs. East Longmeadow on Sunday, at 5:30 p.m.; and Wilbraham vs. Chicopee, on Sunday, at 7:30 p.m.

Tournament play continues on Monday, February 18th, highlighted by two key Junior Division games; Agawam vs. Holy Cross, at 2:45 p.m.; and Wilbraham vs. West Springfield, at 5:30 p.m.

The quarterfinal round will continue throughout the week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday), followed by the semi-finals on Saturday, February 23rd, at 2:00 p.m., and the finals on Sunday, February 24th, at 3:00 p.m.

All games will be played at the Wilbraham Middle School (formerly Junior High School) on Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham. Admission is 50 cents for adults with children under 15 free.



Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Big Vermont Deer Kill

The final results of the Vermont deer hunting season definitely shows that the deer herd is coming back into its own. I would venture to say that Vermont is back into the fold and prime deer hunting is to be had.

Hunters took 13,058 deer this past fall in the archery and firearms seasons, and both the archery kill and the buck kill were up for the second year in a row.

Archers shot 640 deer during the October 13th to October 28th bow and arrow season, representing an 18.9% increase over the year before. Of these, 151 were antlered deer (23.6%) and 489 were antlerless deer (76.4%).

The November 10th to November 25th firearms season, ended with 12,418 deer being taken. The buck kill was 6,759, a 10.9% increase over the 1983 buck kill; 5,659 antlerless deer were taken by 21,577 permit holders, for a 26.2% hunting success rate (25% was predicted).

The biggest news is the information from biological check stations that revealed the antlerless kill was made up of 28.2% fawns and 71.2% adult females.

More significant than the increase in deer numbers, is the fact that overall herd health is improving. The bucks were bigger this year and they had better antlers.

The game biologists are working closely with the forest management department. The forest boys are monitoring the cutting method of forest on private and state land. The results are evident in the increase habitat and food supply available to wildlife. Vermont is surely on the road back.

Hunter's Best Bargain In 1985

A state hunting license is still one of the all-time great bargains for the hunter. But there's a lot more to it than that.

Every hunter should be aware that a hunting license isn't just another administrative fee. Quite the opposite is true. In most all states, revenues from license sales make up the lion's share of the income available to the state's fish and wildlife agency.

The combined income from license sales and federal taxes on sporting equipment typically accounts for more than 75 percent of a department's entire budget.

Specific wildlife programs are very evident in this state. Typical expenditures include funding for trapping and transplants of certain species. For example, wild turkeys have been introduced and restocked in this state and we have a turkey season which points up a successful program.

Biological research includes, game surveys, law enforcement programs, landowner relations efforts and, most significantly, habitat acquisition and improvement.

In addition, agencies devote considerable resources to their hunter education programs, other information and education efforts, and toward developing public access hunting.

Every hunter should be aware that over the years revenues from licenses, stamps and excise taxes have played a major role in helping to restore a wide variety

of native wildlife, from wild turkey and wood duck, to white-tailed deer.

So, while we may look back with nostalgia to the "good ol' days," the simple truth is that today, thanks in large measure to our state wildlife agencies, we enjoy better hunting than was experienced by our grandfathers.

Corgan, Vanderhoof Lead 7th-8th Graders

George Corgan sank two free throws and Aaron Vanderhoof poured in 9 of his game-high 15 points in the fourth quarter to lift the Agawam Athletic Association sponsored 7th-8th grade boys' suburban basketball team to a thrilling, 41-39 win over Chicopee DARA on Wednesday, February 6th.

The triumph gives coaches Art Serra and Bob Hersey's team a 6-9 record with one more game left in the regular season. The locals were scheduled to face the Westfield Whips on Thursday, February 7th.

The see-saw battle with Chicopee DARA wasn't decided until the final quarter when Agawam rallied from a 28-25, third quarter deficit. The locals outscored Chicopee, 16-11 in the last eight minutes.

The real story of the game was Agawam's ability to connect from the foul line. The locals hit 6 free throws in the waning moments. Corgan's pair proved to be the game-winners with 45 seconds left. Mike Wright netted a field goal to deadlock the game at 39-39. The red-hot Vanderhoof also tossed in 3 charity shots in the fourth quarter.

Strong backboard work by John Serra, Mike Morassi, Darren Brown, and John DePalma, kept Chicopee from getting a second opportunity at the basket with time running out.

Agawam raced out to an 11-9 first quarter lead behind the on-target shooting of Serra, who sank 8 of his 12 points. In the second period, Chicopee started hitting from the outside on their way to a 24-19 halftime lead.

Cold shooting by both squads in the third session kept the game close as Vanderhoof scored all 6 of Agawam's points. Chicopee could muster but 4 in the third quarter. A strong halfcourt press, led by Mike Wright, Travis Hyland, and Dave Clark, also accounted for the poor point production of Chicopee.

An additional defensive push from Troy Conlin, Torr. McElligott, and Tim Bellows, helped keep the locals in the game.

"It was a very exciting game and it felt good to get back on the winning track after losing three in a row," offered Serra. "It was a good team effort that kept us in the game. We also were clutch on the foul line as well."

After their next outing vs. Westfield Whips, the locals will be participating in a tournament in Wilbraham beginning on Monday, February 18th.

AAA Girls' Standings

8-10 Girls

Collins Construction	5	1
Agawam Lions	4	2
Voortman	2	4
Aldrich Insurance	1	5

11-13 Girls

Polish Club	5	1
Provin Mt. Farms	4	2
Abbett Tax	4	2
Casa DiLisa	4	2
Pelley Construction	1	5
O'Connor	0	6



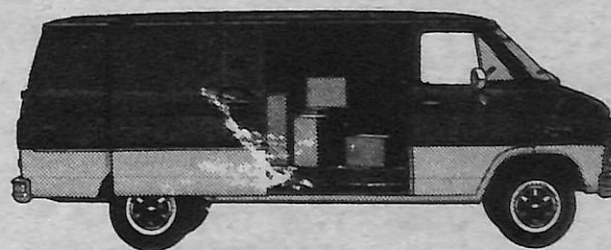
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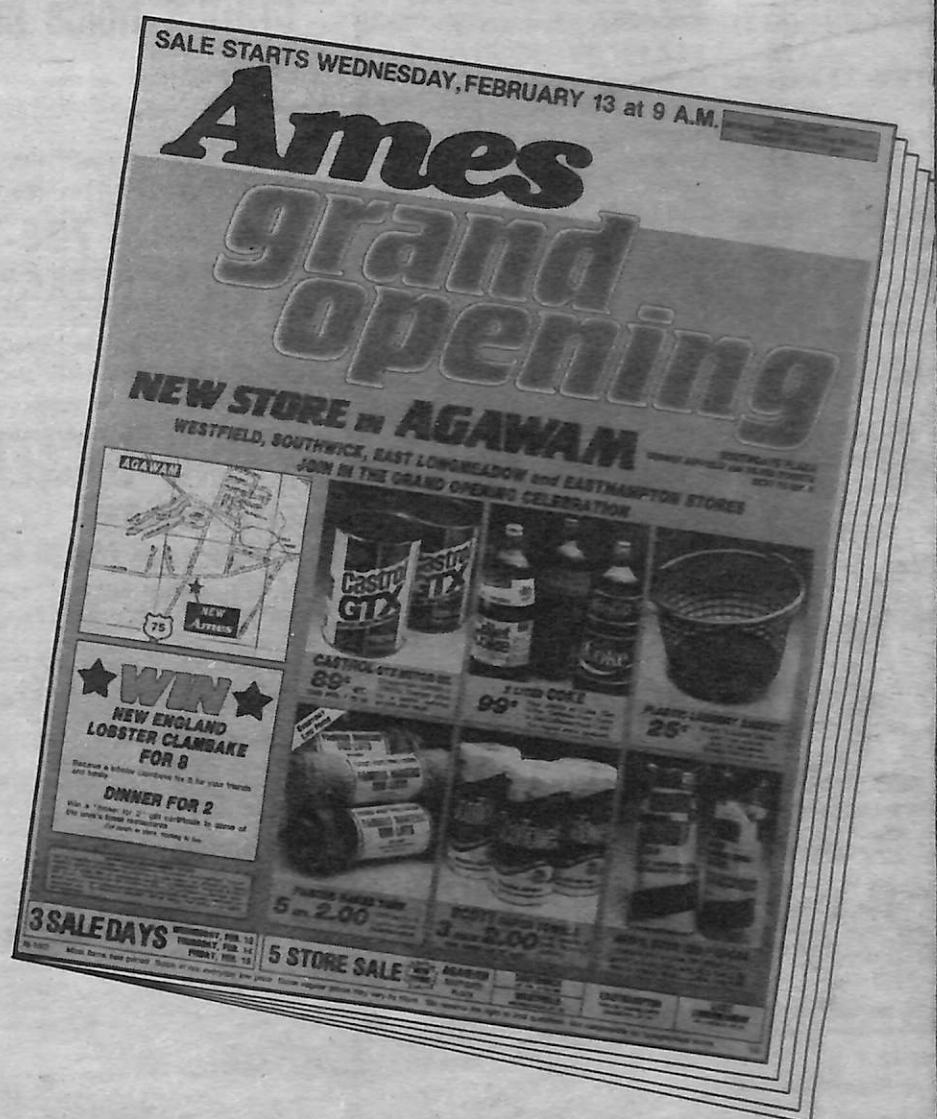
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